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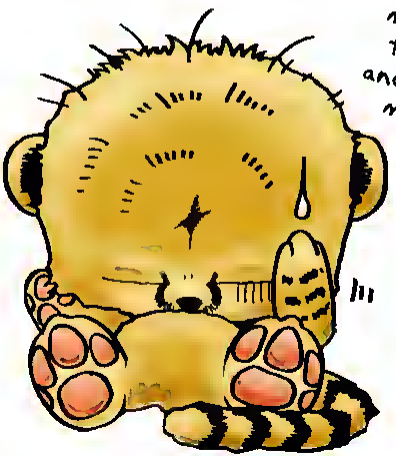

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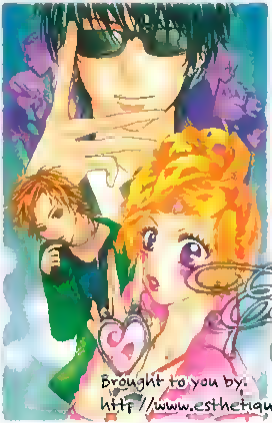

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Even though Aka-chan has joined the JCA, she's still in the training stage. One day, a girl who wanted to become beautiful asked Aka-chan to help her gather information. It's the first time Aka-chan has done that! She can't believe that the person the girls likes is...!

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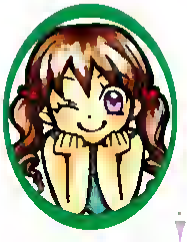

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♡「表紙はキャラの名前にちなんだ色を使ってみました(晃平はこじつけ…)。背景ピンクにするつもりなかったのに…いや、ほんまですよ、そんなつもりなかったんですよ(笑)。ではでは皆様、また次回作でお会いできると嬉しいです☆」と語ってくれた葉月めぐみ先生。

エスプラス
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葉月めぐみ

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Character Data

(Name) Muraki Akane
(Age) Year 1
(Memo) Main character

(Name) Shingyi Sousei
(Age) Year 2
(Memo) ICA President

(Name) Muraki Akihei
(Age) Year 2
(Memo) Aka-chan's nine-blood related brother

Title Join ICA!

Hello everyone! I'm Aka-chan! Since ICA started investigating Aki-kun a lot of exciting and unexpected things have happened! The break up between Aki-kun and his girlfriend was my fault. But Aki-kun seemed to still have feelings for her... After seeing that, I was depressed. The president of ICA was there to encourage me. With his help I was able to let go of my feelings for Aki kun but I still cried nonstop!

The investigation by ICA is finished for now. When I thought about the fact that I would not have any connection with that guy, I lamented. I wanted to know more about ICA. Therefore I decided to join ICA!

↓ ICA members

Aka-chan gives us all the sisters
(synopsis and characters)

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Secret-ICA
Megumi Hazuki
葉月恵美

LIKE THIS, THEIR PRACTICE WILL BE INCONVENIENCED, AND THEY WILL LOSE THEIR FIGHTING SPIRIT!
IDIOT! IF WE DON'T DO THIS, WE CANNOT WIN!
This year, it's banned to the Cancelling of the club!
HEY! HEY!
WHAT? BE QUIET...
Soccer club
HEY... DON'T YOU THINK THAT WE SHOULD STOP SOON?
THE GOSSIP ABOUT THE OPPONENT'S SCHOOL CLUB BEING DESTROYED...
HAS STARTED TO SPREAD...
THE CULPRITS THAT DESTROYED THE SOCCER CLUB'S ROOM...

Once in a while there are some readers that think that way. I'm sorry! I'm not that good.

"Does not matter about the process," but pays attention to the inner concerns...these kinds of readers.

"Who wants to listen to your stuff?" and lacks interest in Megumi Hazuki...these kinds of readers

The ones that say "Megumi Hazuki is a cute and smart and mature woman" and holds that dream...these kinds of readers

Please jump to the page to Chat!

NOW

This is the first time that I've published a second volume! Therefore, I wanted to use this opportunity to chat a bit more! For the first volume, because I've overstepped the deadline (bad habits die hard...), I didn't get the chance to write in this small space.

Due to all you guys' support, I finally published the second volume! It really made me happy!

Hi everyone, I'm Megumi Hazuki! Thank you for reading this manga! For all of you who were willing to read this clumsy mangaka's idiotic manga...

I really appreciated it!

Please enjoy the followings

APPEAR
PLEASE RELEASE YOUR INFORMATION!
WHO ARE YOU GUYS?
ICA... SPECIALIZES IN COLLECTING INFORMATION!
SOMEONE HAS REQUESTED US TO COLLECT INFORMATION ABOUT THE CULPRITS WHO DESTROYED THE SOCCER CLUB'S ROOM...
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT ESCAPING! HURRY! CHASE AFTER THEM!
EH?
LET ME HANDLE IT!
PLEASE COME WITH US
YIKES
HOW COME A BUNCH OF WEIRDOES CAME?!
Hurry up and escape!

AKA-CHAN?
TA-DA ☆
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?! DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STAY BEHIND TO WAIT FOR MY ORDERS?!
Where is Chief?
THAT WAS TOO BORING!
I'M GOING TO SHOOT NOW! CAPTURE PREY CANNON!
Click
Hemp Rope
Rock
Shocked
EH...?!
ズド

Atsuhoshi is too nice of a guy!
DON'T ORDER ATSUHOSHI, AND GET THE WEAPONS ON YOUR OWN...!
INSTEAD OF CAPTURING THE CRIMINALS, YOU CAPTURED US! WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?! TELL ME!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!
Atsu!
Eeeek!
Where did the criminals go?
Wah!
I've been a member of the ICA for two weeks...
...
All of the uniform and accessories are complete!
Sunglasses
Mio-Chan's exclusive white uniform
Communication watch
Fighting boots
etc.
Even though it is supposed to be training period...
Upset
BECAUSE
I WANTED TO HELP EVERYONE.

They don't even let me participate in any important assignment!
So boring! I'm not skilled like everyone...!
Pout
IN THE END,
YOU STILL CANNOT PARTICIPATE...
BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING, YOU SHOULD STAY HERE OBEDIENTLY!
Oh. oh. oh....
Atsuhoshi! You have to teach her well! Don't be so lenient on her!
Oh!
Extremely angry!
I can't even refute that!
EXCUSE ME..
Knock Knock
Puts on
IS THIS ...
THE ICA'S OFFICE?!

I HAVE SOMETHING TO REQUEST FROM YOU GUYS...
"INFORMATION ABOUT IF ONE CAN BECOME BEAUTIFUL?"
Lean
Oh oh love problems!
Or
Trainee Campus set involved
I AM... FIRST YEAR, SAWAMURA MEGUMI
THIS... I HAVE SOMEONE THAT I LIKE...
BUT... I AM GOING TO TRANSFER SCHOOL SOON.
THEREFORE, I WANTED TO CONFESS TO HIM...
I DON'T DARE!
I'M SHORT AND NOT CUTE I DON'T HAVE A NICE BODY I'M NOT TOO BRIGHT...
THEREFORE... I THOUGHT THAT IF I COULD BECOME A LITTLE BIT CUTER...
I WAS HOPING THAT ICA WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL ME HOW...
I'M SORRY... THIS RE-QUEST...
THEN, JUST GO AND CONFESS!
Shortly
BUT, IT IS BE-CAUSE...
?
?

I UNDERSTAND! I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS...
Pops in
OF COURSE IT'S LIKE THIS! ANYONE WOULD WANT TO BECOME PRETTIER FOR THE ONE THEY LIKE...!
NO PLEASE LET US...
DON'T WORRY! WE WILL DEFINITELY FIND THE INFORMATION YOU WANT!
REALLY? THANK YOU!
NO... I SAID
LET ME TAKE CARE OF IT!
There's definitely won't be any problem!
.....
AH! THE BELL RANG I NEED TO GO NOW
Ding Dong
For the next class we need to change classrooms
THEN... PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT...
Don't worry!
BYE BYE!
YOU BRAT!
Smack
Gasp
YOU... DON'T YOU EVER LISTEN TO WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE SAYING?! IS YOUR HEAD FILLED WITH ROCKS?
OW, OW, OW!
ESPECIALLY WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO REFUSE HER, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ACCEPTED IT WITH A SMILE...!
OW, OW, OW!
Poke Poke Poke

Aka-chan's attack!
I TOLD YOU, IT HURTS...!
Sting
Ouch!
WE ARE FULL OF ASSIGNMENTS ALREADY...
TELL ME THE REASON WHY YOU WANTED TO REFUSE HER! DIDN'T YOU SEE HOW MUCH COURAGE SHE HAD TO GATHER TO COME HERE?!
What did I do to you ?
Devil! You are a devil!
Sousei
Orada
Information group
Kaitei
BEFORE THE SUMMER FESTIVAL THERE WILL BE AN INCREASE IN REQUESTS FROM ALL SORTS OF CLUBS...
THAT'S RIGHT... RIGHT NOW, IT IS NOT THE TIME TO WASTE OUR EFFORTS ON LOVE AFFAIRS!
WE HAVE BEEN BEHIND ON OTHER REQUESTS FOR A LITTLE WHILE NOW
EH...?
Rikizou
Action group
Rarahou
Aesuhoshi
Mokume
Experiment group
I KNOW .
You're the only one with nothing to do Hurry up and memorize the work instructions! You don't know how to do anything! Heh, heh!
THIS, THIS IS NOW IT IS YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WITH NOTHING TO DO
Snap
Zitz
YOU SHOULD START MEMORIZING ALL THE WORK'S INSTRUCTIONS!
Grunt Grunt
Heh, heh!
I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!

LET ME...
BE THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR HER REQUEST!
WHAT...?
CONVERSELY IF I SMOOTHLY ACCOMPLISH THE REQUEST
YOU HAVE TO RECOGNIZE ME AS AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF ICA!
LET ME GO INTO ACTION WITH EVERY-ONE!
.....
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN, THEN GO RIGHT AHEAD.
CON-VERSELY IF YOU FAIL...
YOU'LL BECOME THE TEA-SERVING GIRL FOR-EVER!
What?!
Menace

AH? NAME?
Do you really need it?
Aka-chan's attack
Bam
Fuming
Why didn't you use this miracle on the assignment ?
What kind of talk was that..? He himself is rich and he is saying such stingy narrow-minded words!
I will show you... I will definitely make you recognize me!
EH..
THIS .. I'M SORRY ..
Using ICA's database ..
OF COURSE! IF YOU WANT TO BECOME CUTER, YOU HAVE TO MATCH WHAT HE LIKES!
I WILL HELP YOU INVESTIGATE IT..
TH..
THAT IS...
ABOUT HALF A YEAR AGO...
ONE DAY, THE WIND WAS VERY STRONG ON MY WAY HOME...
I WAS BLOWN BY THE WIND...
RIGHT INTO THE RIVER...
No problem!
How cute ..! ♡
WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE?

But, only that person... reached out a hand toward me?
ALL OF THE PEOPLE JUST PASSED BY AND GAVE ME THE COLD SHOULDER...
SO, IT'S LIKE THAT...
SO, IT'S LIKE THAT...
It's so romantic!
Really like a shoujo manga!
WONDERFUL! THERE IS SUCH A PERSON THAT EXISTS IN THIS WORLD!
AND ALSO VERY SMART, VERY ATHLETIC...
HE IS VERY HANDSOME
No wonder you fell in love at first sight!
I WONDER THAT PERSON IS...
I KNOW I CAN'T POSSIBLY GO OUT WITH SOMEONE LIKE HIM...
AH? RIGHT NOW HE IS OVER THERE...!
What a coincidence...?
VERY RICH.
Where have I heard that from...?
Eh?
I'VE HEARD THAT HE IS THE ZINGOO'S PRESIDENT'S ONLY SON...
I THINK PEOPLE HAVE CALLED HIM 'INVINCIBLE'...
Eh?

Looking like bodyguards
Actually, it is him...!
He even carries the aura of a rich brat!
To this side there's a high class imported automobile
THAT... THAT'S HIM..!
The stern face of a butler
What...? What am I going to do...? He is definitely not a worthy person to be hooked up with!
MEGUMI, MEGUMI-CHAN
...This girl...
Where are you going in the middle of class?

"I'm hoping that I have the courage to confess...
Being the way I am now, I can't...
She seriously... likes Sousei...
"I wanted to express my feelings honestly!"
Con...
fess...?
But... The person turned out to be that guy...
What am I going to do...? If possible... I'm hoping that I can help and match them up...
Ah!!
Shingwi senpai!!
That guy?
WHO?! WHO ASKED THAT STUPID QUESTION?
THAT GUY, IS HE REALLY THAT HANDSOME?
WAH, WAH...
I'm sorry. My mistake!
AKA-CHAN SEES A HANDSOME BROTHER EVERYDAY.
Therefore, you don't understand!
THERE IS THIS GOSSIP THAT EVERY DAY HE GETS THREE CONFESSIONS AND HE HAS REFUSED THEM ALL!
EH... DON'T YOU THINK THE NUMBERS ARE A LITTLE BIT EXAGGERATED?

Is it like that?
If it was me.. I would definitely want my love to be reciprocated...
Just want to express their own feelings-?
IT'S JUST THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP BECAUSE OF IT, SO THEY JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS!
EVERYONE KNOWS VERY WELL THAT HE WON'T LIKE THEM...
Hey!
Shake Shake
Don't think anymore! I've already given up Aki-kun!
Sousei, he...
EH?
What kind of girl does he like...?
HMM
THIS
DO GUYS LIKE GIRLS THAT ARE PRETTY BETTER...?

Eh?
How weird...
Why do I feel surprised..?
Eh...?
Does Sousei also like prettier girls?
ACCORDING TO THE DATA, ABOUT 70% OF THE GUYS AT SCHOOL PUT IMPORTANCE ON LOOKS
Not even listening!
A PRETTY FACE CAN EASILY INCREASE "INTEREST"!
HEY! THIS IS A SHOUJO MANGA!
ズバリ Blunt!
BUT I CAN'T REFUTE THAT!
IS... IS IT NOT OKAY?
IS HELPING A GIRL WITH LOVE TROUBLES NOT A GOOD THING?
Yes! That's right!
Scared!
YOU...!
DID YOU REALLY ACCEPT THAT REQUEST?
Sigh
ONLY USING THE APPEARANCE TO JUDGE AND NOT UNDERSTANDING THE OTHER PARTY... DO YOU THINK THAT IT IS A GOOD THING?
WILL EVERYTHING GO SMOOTHLY JUST BY BECOMING CUTER?
I WAS GOING TO DENY THAT REQUEST BECAUSE THE WAY SHE WAS THINKING WAS WRONG!
I'LL TELL YOU...
Tap

LET ME ASK YOU THIS...
DID YOU LIKE AKIHEI BECAUSE OF HIS FACE?
IT SHOULDN'T BE, RIGHT?
ISN'T IT BECAUSE OF EVERY DAY'S SMALL DEEDS THAT ACCUMULATED IN YOUR HEART THAT YOU LIKE HIM?
I UNDERSTAND NOW! THANK YOU! SOUSEI!
What is she thinking this time?
.....
BUT SHE SAID SHE'LL BE FINE WITH JUST CONFESSING...
THAT IS ONLY FOR SELF-GRATIFICATION...
IT ALSO BOTHERS THE ONE WHO'S BEING CONFESSED TO!
End of discussion!
Uh...
BEING TOGETHER AND DISCOVERING THE OTHER PARTY'S GOOD POINTS THEN, SLOWLY DEVELOPING FEELINGS FOR HIM!
YOU'VE SAID IT!
So it's like this...
!!!

Good...!
NO NO NO!
I CAN'T DO IT YOU ACTUALLY WANTED ME TO STALK HIM AND FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH HIM.
WHAT KIND OF TALK IS THAT? IT ISN'T GOOD IF WE DON'T LET HIM GET TO KNOW MORE OF YOU!
BEING CONFESSED TO BY SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW DON'T YOU THINK IT MIGHT BOTHER HIM?
(he himself has said it!)
I didn't know they had a girl
This is the first time that I've seen it.
Wah! A white ICA!
NO, NO PROBLEM!
I KNOW THAT I'LL BE REJECTED..
I JUST WANTED TO HAVE A CHANCE TO CONFESS!
HE IS HERE! SHINGUJI SOUSEI!
LOOK, LOOK!
EH.. I CAN'T DO IT!
DON'T THINK TOO MUCH EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE!
THIS THIS KIND OF THING
WAH!

Note
SLIP
Bite Bite
Bad- really bad -
SILENCE
Rattle Rattle Rattle
Moves
WAIT
Pulp Pulp
How embarrassing
Shh... she will hear you
No problem
Chuckle
What is that girl doing?

Let me help too!
Shin Shimeji is helping her to pick up her stuff...
AH... THIS...
IS THIS ALL OF IT?
AH YES! THAT'S RIGHT!
THANKS ...!

Side talk About [S] and [S+]

I think the readers of Margaret have noticed it. The original title of the first volume is [S]. Basically, I was thinking, the first volume is [S], and the second volume is [S+], using the S+ as a way for the continuation. But why did we change the title? We changed it because it was a duplicate name with another published book (laugh). At the beginning, if there will be a continuation of the story, the name would be [S+]. The LOGO is the same as now. Ah! This letter looks like a [+]! That was how it was decided. (Very simple!)

When volume 2 [S+] was given the go to start, I took a month off to rest. Let me think, what did I do then...? I participated the collaboration between Margaret and HELLO! In front of all these sparkling girldols doing the sketching... I was really nervous! My hands were trembling nonstop! I think I looked like an idiot!

Each idol of Berryz (they were the main player of the event) was extremely cute! One could be mesmerized by their gaze... They are too cute! I also saw two members of W, I'm extremely moved. I got along with many of the mangakas from Margaret, which made me really happy. But I was really nervous the whole time. If there is more of this kind of event, I would be really happy. To those of you who have talked with me, I apologize for my clumsiness in answering your questions.

This guy...
Chuckle!
MAKE SURE THAT IS ALL OF IT!
You also rely on your looks!
Grrr
His attitude towards me is totally different...!
IT IS ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO START MEMORIZING ALL SORTS OF TEA NAMES!
Ah!
He is coming this way!

Super...
Super Scary...! (Extra strength when angry)
Ha ha? so interesting!
Sousei looks like he is refreshed
Refreshed
TEA-SERVING GIRL FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!
What is this?! Why does he have this attitude towards me?
You people... You guys are being deceived!
FURIOUS
The 'S' in Sousei means Sadist..!
No doubt about it!
I...
I talked with Shinguji senpai...
.....!!
We talked
Uh... It doesn't matter which one they are all him...
The soft and warm side the cold side...

Then... Why only towards me..?
He doesn't even glance at me..
Why do I...
feel hurt because of it?
Tap Tap
Realized
?!

AH...
I...
Why...?
AH...

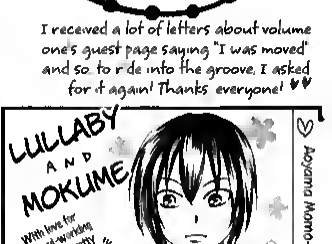
...
you...
CAN'T YOU BE A LITTLE MORE STEADY?
does my heart flutter?

Guest Page

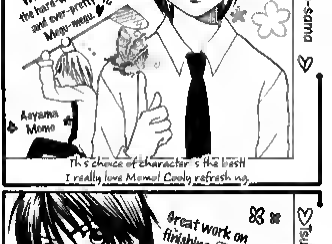
I received a lot of letters about volume one's guest page saying "I was moved" and so to ride into the groove, I asked for it again! Thanks everyone!

S+
AKANE
Good job on finishing S+!! Lately Hazuki-san comes to Tokyo more often than usual -Yuuki Miku
I haven't come in the past six months! Huh? You want me to come again? I will! I will! Let's play!
Yuuki Miku-sama

Congratulations on finishing S+ 2 Volume!
Good work on finishing S+ Hazuki-chama
FARDON ME FOR INTERRUPTING HAZUKI'S COMICS I'M YAMAMOTO
Health & Fines
As a number 1 fan I'm looking forward for a new Hazuki manga!!
Yamamoto Keiko-sama
Cute as always Keiko-chama! Let's chat again!! And mail too!


LULLABY AND MOKUME
With love for the hard-working and ever-pretty Mayu-mayu
Aoyama Momo
Aoyama Momo-sama
Th's chance of character's the best! I really love Momo! Coolly refreshing.

Congratulations!
S+② VOLUME IN STORES!!
So.. sorry for this kind of drawing!! But the climax in completing volume two is this.. scene.. right? -Shibata Asuka
Shibata Asuka-sama
You really know best! As expected from Master! Whoa! The seductiveness! I'm at a loss for words.


Great work on finishing
Kamiya
I'm Tsukishima, a colleague in Margaret. Excuse me for popping into your comics. Everyone! Please continue to support our pretty Hazuki and Margaret!
We'll keep drawing more and more sexy boys won't we? ♫
-Tsukishima, 35
Tsukishima Sango-sama
Sango-san's guy character really looks manly! I'm so envious! Captivating!

If you're interested in these people, search for Margaret or The Margaret!

Happy 5th Anniversary

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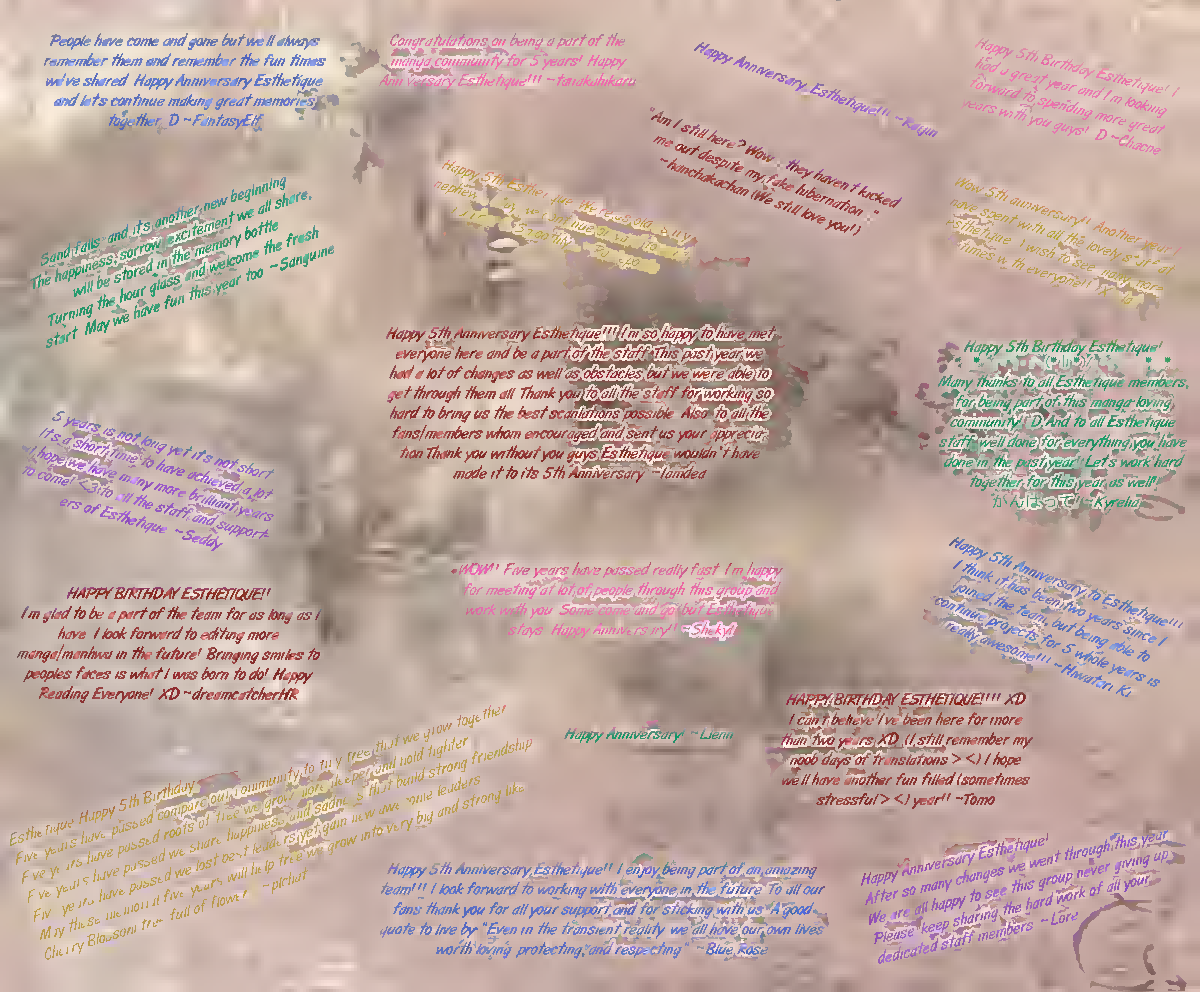

People have come and gone but we'll always remember them and remember the fun times we've shared. Happy Anniversary Esthetique and let's continue making great memories together. D ~FantasyElf

Congratulations on being a part of the manga community for 5 years! Happy Anniversary Esthetique!!! ~tanukukukaru

Happy Anniversary Esthetique!! ~Raiyn

Happy 5th Birthday Esthetique! I had a great year and I'm looking forward to spending more great years with you guys! :D ~Chacne

"Am I still here? Wow... they haven't kicked me out despite my fake hibernation..." ~hanchakackan (We still love you!)

Happy 5th Esthetique, the heroes old... nephew... [illegible] ... I'm [illegible] ... [illegible]

Wow, 5th anniversary!! Another year! Have spent with all the lovely staff at Esthetique. I wish to keep having great times with everyone!! ~[illegible]

Sand falls and it's another new beginning
The happiness, sorrow, excitement we all share,
will be stored in the memory bottle
Turning the hour glass and welcome the fresh
start. May we have fun this year too ~Sanguine

Happy 5th Anniversary Esthetique!!! I'm so happy to have met everyone here and be a part of the staff. This past year we had a lot of changes as well as obstacles but we were able to get through them all. Thank you to all the staff for working so hard to bring us the best scanlations possible. Also to all the fans/members whom encouraged and sent us your appreciation. Thank you without you guys Esthetique wouldn't have made it to its 5th Anniversary ~Ionidea

Happy 5th Birthday Esthetique!
Many thanks to all Esthetique members, for being part of this manga-loving community! :D And to all Esthetique staff: well done for everything you have done in the past year! Let's work hard together for this year as well!
~Kyrelia

5 years is not long yet it's not short
It's a short time to have achieved a lot
I hope we have many more brilliant years
to come! ~Sito all the staff and supporters of Esthetique ~Seddy

WOW! Five years have passed really fast. I'm happy for meeting a lot of people through this group and work with you. Some came and go but Esthetique stays. Happy Anniversary! ~Shekyl

Happy 5th Anniversary to Esthetique!!! I think it has been five years since I joined the team, but being able to continue projects for 5 whole years is really awesome!!! ~Hinotori Ki

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ESTHETIQUE!!
I'm glad to be a part of the team for as long as I have. I look forward to editing more manga/manhwa in the future! Bringing smiles to peoples faces is what I was born to do! Happy Reading Everyone! XD ~dressmeatcherHR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ESTHETIQUE!!!! XD
I can't believe I've been here for more than two years XD. (I still remember my noob days of translations >.<) I hope we'll have another fun filled (sometimes stressful>.<) year!! ~Tomo

Happy Anniversary! ~Liem

Esthetique Happy 5th Birthday
Five years have passed compare our community to tiny tree, but we grow together
Five years have passed roots of tree we grow more deep and hold tighter
Five years have passed we share happiness and sadness that build strong friendship
Five years have passed we lost beat leader, strength gain new one some leaders
May these memories five years will help tree we grow into very big and strong like
Cherry Blossom tree full of flowers! ~pichu1

Happy 5th Anniversary Esthetique!! I enjoy being part of an amazing team!!! I look forward to working with everyone in the future. To all our fans: thank you for all your support and for sticking with us. A good quote to live by: "Even in the transient reality we all have our own lives worth loving, protecting, and respecting." ~Blue_Rose

Happy Anniversary Esthetique!
After so many changes we went through this year.
We're all happy to see this group never giving up.
Please keep sharing the hard work of all your dedicated staff members. ~Lore

Happy 5th Anniversary Esthetique!
We wanted to thank the staff for sticking
with us through all the changes this year. You
have been wonderful and very patient! Here's
looking forward to another great year!!
-Katana1765 & hkgames

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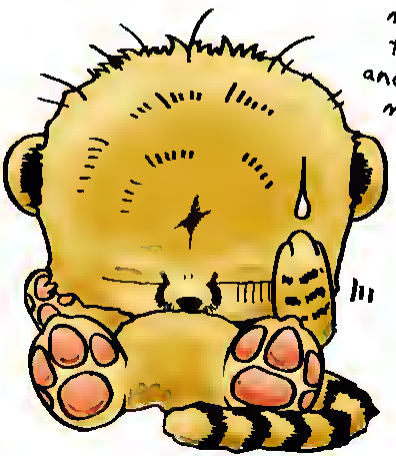

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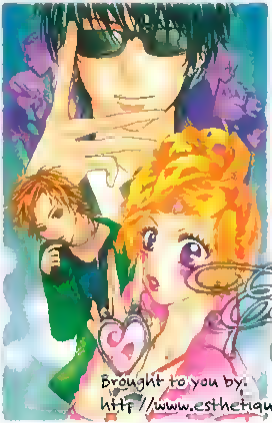

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Woahhhhh
!!!
Hold on! Hold on!
How come it turned into this kind of situation?
I slipped when I went down the stairs. then... then...
Even if it is like this, I...
ba-thump
ba-thump
ba-thump
ba-thump

Blush
My heartbeat should not be this fast
ARE YOU STEADY NOW?
Blush
That was some steamy scene
.....
Shameful Me
Tap Tap
Wah... wah... wah...!
THEN I WILL LEAVE FIRST!
I'M FINE! THANKS!
YEAH!
Recoil

What was that just now?! Calm down! This kind of thing has happened before many times already...
THUMP THUMP THUMP
THUMP THUMP
How come it didn't bother me at all...?!
Threatened in the girls' locker room
Back Tackled
Attacked from behind
Hugged tightly
ARGHHH
please refer to "S+ Volume 1"

How could I...

Shock
スル
HE SHOULD...
remember it now...?
HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND NOW...

WHAT...? THAT GUY? GIRLFRIEND? HE HAS ONE?
YESTERDAY THERE WAS A GIRL THERE. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ARE ON PRETTY GOOD TERMS.
Yesterday? Ah... is one of those girls who talked to him?
THAT GIRL HAS SOMEWHAT CURLY HAIR, BIG EYES AND LOOKS CUTE ..
Is there such a person?
Ehh
WHEN THAT GIRL FELL FROM THE STAIRS, SHINGUJI SENPAI RUSHED TO RESCUE HER...
Sport
ぶぼぉ
It was me...?!!
NO, NO! THEY ARE NOT GOING OUT! DEFINITELY NOT GOING OUT!
RE... REALLY ...?
You have such an extreme reaction
BUT...
SHINGUJI SENPAI WAS ACTUALLY REALLY FAR AWAY...

HE WAS PAYING ATTENTION TO THAT GIRL..
THAT'S WHY HE COULD RESCUE HER ON TIME..
Was it like that?
Ah! In reality, those two are going out but, because of Shinguji senpai's family background, they kept the relationship a secret, maybe?
In the middle of going off
This person..?
Maybe that girl's father is in the hospital and needs a huge amount of money for the bill. That's why the girl got close to Shinguji senpai and didn't think that she would fall in love! Senpai has noticed it but he didn't want to suspect her. Therefore, those two
I actually felt a little happy I am really
It isn't fair...
SURE ENOUGH, IT WOULD BE GOOD NOT TO CONFESS.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?
BECAUSE.. THERE ARE SO MANY PRETTY PEOPLE, IF I CONFESS NOW...
SHINGUJI SENPAI WOULD PROBABLY FEEL TROUBLED BY IT..

IS EVERYONE WHO IS IN LOVE THE SAME....?
IS THERE ANY CORRELATION BETWEEN CONFESSING AND APPEARANCES?
MEGUMI-CHAN!
BESIDES.. I DON'T HAVE . THE RIGHT TO LIKE HIM. .
YOU'RE ALWAYS MAKING EXCUSES FOR YOURSELF, LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BACK OUT!
MEGUMI-CHAN, YOU ONLY USE YOUR MOUTH TO TALK .
THERE IS NO ONE WHO IS TOTALLY CONFIDENT..
EVERYONE IS AFRAID OF BEING REJECTED..
WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO CONVEY... EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN'T CONVEY IT..
THAT WON'T WORK!
BUT... THEY ALL WORK HARD FOR IT!

Ah!
I wasn't careful...!
Silence
YOU SHOULD FACE THE PERSON AND DO YOUR BEST FOR IT!
You are crying aren't you?
I...
MY FATHER, HE SUDDENLY DECIDED THAT HE WANTED TO TRANSFER. WHEN I STARTED TO THINK ABOUT LEAVING EVERYONE...
THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED...
I DIDN'T LIKE MYSELF LIKE THIS...
THAT IS WHY I WENT TO ICA...
BUT... DOING SO IS WRONG TOO!
ALWAYS, I HAVE ONLY D..ARED TO...
LOOK AT SHINGUJI SENPAI ..

I WANT TO CHANGE MY REQUEST!
WATCH ME UNTIL I'VE DONE MY CONFESSION... WHEN I START DOUBTING MYSELF PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SCOLD ME!
MEGUMI-CHAN...
I...
I WILL WORK HARD, AND DO MY BEST TO TALK TO SHINGUJI SENPAI!
...isn't this great? Finally she is doing it for herself!
Chatter Chatter
WAH! THAT GIRL CAME AGAIN.
HOW BRAVE...
SHE DARES TO STICK TO SHINGUJI...

I need to cheer for her!
I... I was thinking of that...
EH? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GIRL THAT HE EMBRACED?
THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF GIRLS THAT WOULD STICK TO HIM!
But my heart...
cannot be calm...
ACTION GROUP, COME WITH ME!
EXPERIMENT GROUP, CONTINUE TO INVENT A NEW TRANQUILIZER GUN.
INFORMATION GROUP, ORGANIZE THE FILES.
FINISHED!

AKA-CHAN!
Flutter
HOW IS THE PROGRESS?
NO... NOTHING...
IT IS GOING SMOOTHLY!
Pout
.....
HMPH...
Again?
Eh! Are those two fighting?

This kind of words..
He was actually looking!
How does Souse1 look at Megumi-chan...?
OH! THAT GIRL HAS REALLY...
REALLY CHANGED RECENTLY SHE HAS BECOME MORE LIVELY!
WAS THAT YOUR EFFORT?

When she confesses to him...
What kind of reaction would he have?
Did he notice it? Did he notice that Megumi-chan likes him...?
AKA-CHAN! WHAT IS THE MATTER? WHY ARE YOU FEELING DOWN?
LOOK! I BOUGHT THIS LIPSTICK! Is it cute?
YEAH...
I should help Megumi-chan, so she will have courage to confess...
EH. AH...
MIKI.. DIDN'T YOU WANT TO BECOME A HAIRDRESSER?
Next... The things that I can help her with...!
Why the hell am I feeling down?!
☆
GOAL! TO NEVER, EVER BECOME A TEA SERVING GIRL FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...!
OH!
Slap
おちこーん!

I WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO APPLY MAKE UP!
HOW IS IT?
DID YOU PUT MAKE UP ON..!?
A LITTLE!
The end result of everyone's work
I want to help Aka-chan make up on Aka-chan too
Eh... It looks interesting
Wah
Ah! No, it's not for me
Ah! You should do this first, from what
MEGUMI-CHAN, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT TODAY WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED EVEN MORE SMOOTHLY...
I PURPOSELY USED MYSELF AS AN EXAMPLE
HOHOHOHO
AH...
ABOUT MY REQUEST... I HAVE DECIDED TO CONFESS TODAY!
Borrowed an empty classroom

Day 2 of the manuscript

A dislikeable topic! Continuing the first talk, Hazuki is actually a very shy person. Even though I was being very serious about it each time I mentioned this to others, people took it as a joke most of the time. "I'm serious." The first time I meet people, I work really hard to improve the atmosphere. In the first talk, I was collaborating with people for the first time and I was really nervous. My heart was really tight. In the end, when I went home, I got a fever and slept for several days...! I was such an idiot. Back to the main topic, In reality, the due date for my manuscript is coming up soon. Yet I did my drawings half way through and made a sudden decision to participate in the activity, I had to take my work to the hotel. That kind of stress, I couldn't handle it well. I was so nervous that I couldn't even draw. It made me really want to cry... Once the room was messy, I was a mess, too. I stayed in a dazed state. I really couldn't see people like that. When I thought I was at my wit's end, that I didn't have enough time, I didn't dare to ask people for help. Ah! Even with the time constraint, it wasn't a problem... since I was already half way done. After I took my medicine, I just let the editors wait until the manuscript was done for them to take. Really, I acted like I was a big shot. If I can make the final one to be really good that would be awesome! I really feel bad for the editor in charge. But why did you always have a "No problem! You still have time! I'm not worried at all! attitude and such confidence? Even though in reality there was still time, I am not like the other mangaka who turn in their manuscripts on time. I always drag it out for a little while. Your positive outlook of things, I love it! Oops, it slipped out! Ewa ha ha!

I don't want to hear...
Bye bye!
SHINGUJI SENPAI...
OK! FINISHED!
I WILL LET YOU BECOME CUTER!
All these complicated feelings in my chest...
CAN I BORROW SOME OF YOUR TIME?
I have to watch her!
MEGUMI-CHAN IS SO CUTE!
I'M REALLY GOOD!
Proud of herself?

Megumi-chan... You really...
have become cute!
HALF A YEAR AGO...
SENPAI SAVED ME FROM THE RIVER...
THIS... I...
Because this is my first assign-ment...
It looks like she and Sousei will get along great!
If...
SINCE THEN, I'VE...
She's not timid anymore...
Not only has the outside changed, also the inside...
If Sousei agrees..?
ALWAYS PAID ATTENTION...
It feels like her whole person is sparkling!
Idiot! This isn't any of my busi-ness

CLANK CLANK CLANK!
CLANK
But...
TO SENPAI'S SILHOU-ETTE...
Grab★
HA HA HA? EMPTY CAN? HA HA...!
Waaaaaaaaaaaaahhhhhhh! Damn it!
Really...
.....
.....
THE RULE IS ONE CANNOT LITTER..!
Shriek

I...
...
SAWA-
MURA-
SAN
Step
!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE TEA SERVING GIRL ANYMORE!

How did he reply..?
But... I can't ask that!
This wench has smart capabilities!
SHE... SHE WENT BACK!
SOUSEI!
WHERE'S MEGUMI-CHAN? HOW COME YOU ARE HERE?
You...
.....
I DIDN'T ASK YOU...
OH? REALLY?
!
I REJECTED HER!
FOR YOU!
AH?
BECAUSE I.. DIDN'T..
FINISH THE JOB PROPERLY...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY, "WITH THIS, I CAN BECOME AN OFFICIAL ICA MEMBER!"
WHAT IS IT...? WHY DO YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FEELING DOWN?!
Clonk
Beep!

I couldn't really support her wholeheartedly...
I didn't want to see other girls...
being with Sousei...
TRUE. WITH THAT MESSY OBSERVATION TOWARD THE END OF THE JOB, THERE IS A LITTLE.
IT'S NOT ONLY THAT!
WHAT ...?
...
I can't say it!
YOU
Flinch
ARE KIND OF WEIRD TODAY...

SHOCKED
Eh...
...?!
...
What
...
...?!
HMM...

HMM
HMM...
Gasp
はっ
It can't be...
.....

AKI-NII...
BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T COME HOME, MOM WANTED ME TO LOOK FOR YOU...
YOU DIDN'T ANSWER YOUR CELL PHONE EITHER, SO I FIGURED YOU WOULD BE HERE!
SORRY, I'VE INTRUDED!
WAIT.
...
There is no use saying anything now...
WHY?
DID YOU DO IT ON PURPOSE?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DO IT THAT WAY...?

It's not fair...
Slap
YOU CLEARLY ENJOYED IT!
It's not fair!

I can't deny it... It's like he said...
I...
I couldn't refuse him...

Itsumemitemo
Minna
Minnaa
SWAWASE
De
Arumaku
Youni

Need...more...staff...

ESTHETIQUE NEEDS YOU TO HELP SAVE THIS CUTE LITTLE FELLA! DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES? WE NEED JAPANESE/KOREAN TRANSLATORS, EDITORS, AND EXPERIENCED QC-ERS, STAT!

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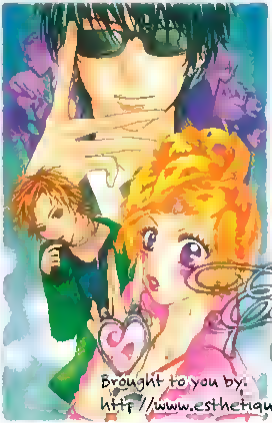

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I couldn't push him away...

But... that...

Both of the arms that held me were very strong..

AH! AKA-CHAN! AKA-CHAN!

Nanayi Nagamu Sensei actually talked about me! I'm super happy! Manga is the best! I'm so appreciative! Nanayi Sensei! Is it okay to do it this way~?!

Nanayi Sensei is very cute with smooth white skin. Very attractive! We even have the same editor-in-charge. Even though I'm very proud of it, the pressure is also great!

Our manuscripts will be compared! My drawings and those beautifully drawn pictures... can they even be compared? When I think of that I become uneasy! Nanayi Sensei, from today onward I will support you! Please don't consider me a bother! Love you!

Speechless
Although it is not the "most recent" when S+ first debuted I read Parfait Tic's 13th Volume. I was so moved
It debuted the same day
Total bookworm since the first talk

Your face is red, too Do you have a fever?
Thump
NO NO SUCH THING!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? SINCE YESTERDAY, YOU HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY SPACING OUT!
AH... WAAAH!
THE MILK IS SPILLING OVER...
Drip
Even... even if it is my mother, I can't even say it!
A guy forced a kiss on me..
And it was witnessed by my onii-chan...!
Are you okay?
Aka-Chan?
Aka-Chan! Be Careful on your way!
Shoot... Dad! Don't move around!
But... I...
Aka-Chan! Be Careful on your way!
Kiss
Kiss
No wonder it is mother! Today I will send you to work, too!
THIS COUPLE. THEY'VE BEEN MARRIED FOR 16 YEARS THEY'RE STILL SO LOVEY-DOVEY!
WE'RE LEAVING
Makes you mature faster
IS THE BENTO READY?
I JUST FINISHED MAKING IT!
TODAY, IT HAS FATHER'S FAVORITE MILK COOKIES!
.....

Kissing. marriage. building a family. these important life milestones.
I still want them to be with the one I like...
Ah! Damn it! Don't think about it anymore!
There's no use thinking about it!
AKA-CHAN...!
Ba-thump
...AKI-NII...
I'M SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY...
Open
Damn it... I feel awkward
I purposely avoided him yesterday and then coincidently ran into him...
THAT...
AKI-NII, YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE ABOUT THAT KIND OF STUFF...
"WITH MIZUKI SENPAI HOW FAR HAVE YOU GUYS GONE "
.....
MY STUFF IS NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL!
Is this something to be said by a "brother"...?
AKI-NII, YOU, TOO..
MAYBE I'M BEING MEDDLESOME...
BUT DOING THAT KIND OF THING IN THAT KIND OF PLACE.
Also so close to the house
What is he saying ?

.....
"IF I WAS ACTUALLY GOING OUT WITH SOUSEI "
I'M LEAVING!
NO NOTHING...
I don't dare to ask!
That kind of thing would never happen!
Then that would have been good...
I don't feel like going to school...
Sousei. why did he have to do that kind of stuff?!
Did he want me to dislike him ..?
This kind of revenge is too much!
Does he feel repulsed by me because I always go against him?
Before he was consoling me about Aki-nii...
I don't understand Sousei at all...!

Isn't he always with Sousei...?
Huh...? That's Kartei...
Dash Dash
I feel so lethargic...
It probably wouldn't be good to go to ICA today...
Aka-chan where's the mascara?
You brought a new lipstick again?
It clash somewhat
Recently a lot of things have been disturbing me
Which one was Prime yesterday?
Plus, I don't want to see Sousei...
I DIDN'T THINK THAT I'D BE IGNORED BY YOU, SO I DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING FIRST!
LET ME ASK YOU THIS! DID SOUSEI COME TO SCHOOL TODAY?
Wh...
What are you doing, Aka-chan?!
WAAHHHH!?!
WHAT?!
Grab
SFX Thump Thump
MEETING...
THAT GUY ACTUALLY IS THE NEXT PRESIDENT!
Since Sousei isn't here maybe I can go...
Pout
TODAY HE HAS TO ATTEND AN IMPORTANT MEETING WITH THE ZINGOO GROUP.
AH! THAT'S RIGHT! HE TOOK TODAY OFF!

Outside of the country?
This guy is also a rich brat?
OF COURSE! WE'VE BEEN BEST FRIENDS SINCE I MET SOUSEI IN A CALIFORNIAN SCHOOL WHEN I WAS 7 YEARS OLD!
MY REAL NAME IS HAIRO...
Huh?!
WH... WHAT?!
DO YOU KNOW EVERYTHING THEN, KAITE!?
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM AT ALL. DON'T ACT ALL MIGHTY!
DON'T CALL HIM "THAT GUY"!
BUT ORADA GREW UP WITH SOUSEI.
HE'S ALSO THE SON OF THE ZINGOO'S HIGHER UP'S SON, HE SEEMS LIKE SOUSEI'S RIGHT HAND MAN.
HE ALSO TOOK A DAY OFF TODAY!
Ah!
Hey!
Does that mean what we're in sure are rich brats?
IT'S NO WONDER THAT ORADA SPEAKS SO PROPERLY
EH! SO IT'S LIKE THIS.
Bye bye.
I've said too much!
Sneak
Scene
Don't pretend to be cute and run away!
Hey!

DING DONG
But I really don't understand anything about Sousei...
DING
I should just go to ICA...
WHAT... YOU CONFESSED...?
Uuwaaaah!
Eh but you were so brave...
EVEN THOUGH I WAS REJECTED
HE HE! YES!
..Megumi-chan!
THIS IS ALL THANKS TO THAT ICA GIRL'S HELP!
BUT... WITH THIS I DON'T HAVE ANY LINGERING FEELINGS LEFT IT WAS GOOD THAT I CONFESSED!
RIGHT NOW, I WANT...
I can't face Megumi-chan...!
I don't deserve her gratitude!
Hmm which room is the club's room...?
Megumi-chan's Over here!
I should just go home! I really can't face her...
Sousei is a super idiot! After rejecting a girl, would a normal person...
immediately kiss another girl...?

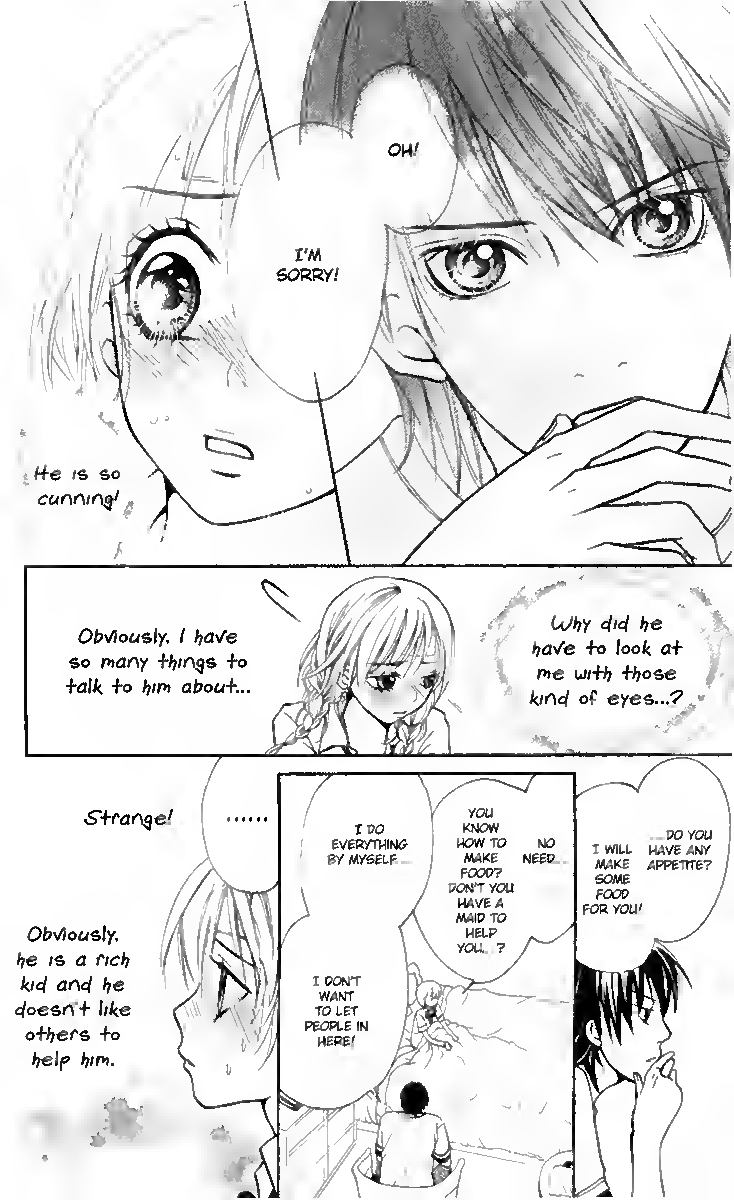
While thinking about it...
RATTLE
EEK!
What kind of face should I use to face Sousei and Megumi-chan? I don't really know...
Why am I always trying to escape...?
I see him right away?
Orada is there too!
She unconsciously hid herself! →
IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT TO DROP YOU OFF HERE?
THE DISTANCE TO YOUR HOME IS...
IT'S FINE LIKE THIS...
I WANT TO TAKE A WALK!
YOU'VE WORKED HARD!
PLEASE REST WELL!
YES! YOU, TOO!
GOOD-BYE!
What? Does he live close by?
Oh, no. I unconsciously followed him...
Where is he going?
I feel so tired...
What am I doing...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Eeeh! Aaah!
Don't sneak up on someone! What kind of person are you?
WHATCH WORDS!
きっはの!
I'M THE SON OF THE PRESIDENT AND ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF ICA...
WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO? YOUR SKILL FOR FOLLOWING PEOPLE IS THE WORST!
IF YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH ME, JUST CALL ME!
YOU...
You don't have to tell me that. I know it already! He really makes me mad!
NOTHING...
How come this guy acts like his usual self?
Ah! That's right! To Sousei, that kiss means nothing. He probably already forgot about it!
WHO'S LOOKING FOR YOU ANYWAY?!
AKA-CHAN?
YOUR FACE IS REALLY RED!
REALLY?
MUST BE BECAUSE I AM REALLY ANGRY RIGHT NOW...

I'm so angry...!
Eh?
My head's about to explode... My mind has become blank...
Things... are wobbling...
BECAUSE YOU...
ARE MAKING TOO BIG OF A DEAL OUT OF IT...
AKA-CHAN..?
Where... is this place?
ARE YOU AWAKE NOW?
Fever reducing patch?
!
It hurts...
Throb
Gets up

EH. I NOTCED THAT I FELT LETHARGIC...
THIS...
YOU FAINTED!
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE THAT YOU HAVE A HIGH FEVER?
SOUSEI...?
!
how should I thank him...?
He brought me here when I passed out...
Eh?!
It's so big...!
Also, this is not the only room, right?
MY HOME!
Highest level
A HIGH RISE...
I LIVE HERE BY MYSELF!
However... it's really hard to say it!
But...
THA...
THANKS..
I'M SORRY!
.....
STX Skyscraper

I ALSO...
WANTED TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU!
Eh?
YESTERDAY, THE THING I DID TO YOU...
I APOLOGIZE TO YOU!
Wh... What did he say?
This is the first time that I've seen this kind of Sousei...
Him. being this... this honest...
WHAT APOLOGY ? THE APOLOGY
IT DOESN'T HELP!
IT IS NOT THE KIND OF THING
THAT YOU CAN FORGIVE AND FORGET


OH!
I'M SORRY!
He is so cunning!
Obviously, I have so many things to talk to him about...
Why did he have to look at me with those kind of eyes...?
Strange!
.....
Obviously, he is a rich kid and he doesn't like others to help him.
I DO EVERYTHING BY MYSELF...
YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE FOOD? DON'T YOU HAVE A MAID TO HELP YOU...?
NO NEED...
I DON'T WANT TO LET PEOPLE IN HERE!
I WILL MAKE SOME FOOD FOR YOU!
...DO YOU HAVE ANY APPETITE?

A room without any decoration...
There are no posters or pictures on the wall either!
Living all alone in this big house...
He doesn't want to let people in here?
...DO YOU GET ALONG WITH YOUR FAMILY?
So sorry!
YOU ARE STRAIGHT FORWARD
You haven't had any improvement
Normal people wouldn't ask like that, would them
.....
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOTHER...?
IS YOUR FATHER THE PRESIDENT OF ZINGOO?
SO IT'S LIKE THAT...
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME! ISN'T IT COMMON TO HAVE THIS KIND OF FAMILY NOWADAYS?
YOUR FAMILY IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT...
MY MOTHER LEFT WITH HER BOYFRIEND WHEN I WAS YOUNG!
FOR STARTERS, THEIR MARRIAGE WAS A POLITICAL ONE, AND ON TOP OF THAT, MY DAD WAS REALLY COLD TO HER. THOSE CAN'T BE HELPED!
YOU'RE RIGHT...
FOR US, TO HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP IS STILL PRETTY FAR-FETCHED...
RIGHT NOW, EXCEPT FOR MY DAD, I DON'T HAVE ANY FAMILY!
All the rest are a bunch of black hearted relatives!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? MY FAMILY IS VERY NORMAL!
IT'S VERY CLEAR ONCE I LOOK AT YOU...
AKA-CHAN GREW UP IN A NORMAL YET VERY WARM FAMILY!
THAT'S WHY YOU KNOW HOW TO TREASURE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO YOU...
IN REALITY, I, TOWARD THIS KIND OF FAMILY...
.....
I don't know what to say!
It feels kind of weird!
Today. Sousei is different from his usual self...
HEY! YOU'RE SWEATING TOO MUCH...
Here's the wet towel. Wipe your body with it.
But...
HERE! CHANGE INTO THIS!
IT WOULD BE GOOD IF YOU CHANGE OUT YOUR CLOTHES!

I'm also...
HMM
THANKS
Souseis...
Let me cook some gruel...
It's so big—
He's probably around 180cm tall!
I'm not even 160cm!
RATTLE
THUD
AKA-CHAN...?
ARE YOU OKAY?
HERE! LIE DOWN!
Ah...
LET'S CHANGE THIS TO A NEW ONE.
Peel

WHY..
DID YOU DO SUCH A THING TO ME...?
.. AKA-CHAN...
I..
THAT WAS MY FIRST KISS...!
DO YOU REALLY DISLIKE ME THAT MUCH?
THEN... WHY ARE YOU BEING SO NICE AND GENTLE TOWARDS ME..?

PLEASE DON'T TEMPT ME...!
YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T LIKE ME..
IS IT OKAY..
TO JUST LIKE...?

HMM.
Creak
Great!
CREAK

...
FLOMP!!
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, ME TEMPTING YOU..?
.....
AH..
YOU SHOULD, AT LEAST, BE AWARE OF IT YOURSELF!

THE ONE BEING TEMPTED IS ME!
Wh...
What...?
Sousei
He...

Incoming Call
Aka-chan
Tra-la-la
Beep!
WHAT HAPPENED? IT'S REALLY LATE!
AKA-CHAN...?
The program has already started!
IT'S ME!
About...
Me...?
SHIN-GUJI...
AKA-CHAN IS AT MY HOUSE RIGHT NOW!
SHE HAD HIGH FEVER AND FELL ASLEEP... LET HER STAY HERE FOR TODAY!
THEN I'LL LEAVE YOU TO BE THE ONE TO FIND SOME SORT OF EXCUSE FOR YOUR PARENTS!

FEVER? AT YOUR HOME...
YES! AT THE HIGH RISE!
I LIVE BY MYSELF!
WHERE IS YOUR HOUSE? I'LL COME AND PICK HER UP!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I WON'T DO ANYTHING THAT I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO DO!
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM...
Snap
Perk
ACTUALLY, I LIED!
TUT TUT
Click

Great

Chirp
Chirp
Lively

...I really am an idiot...

But... basically, I wear either black or light tan color

PS2 SAKURA (metallic pink)

Which I usually don't take out to play with. When I intend to, I had a limited edition Fly the color. I went ahead and bought it on impulse

A white X pink digital camera

When it was in stock, I purchased right away a pink bag

A pink trimmed jacket

Pink-framed glasses that I bought in Korea

A brown X pink scarf with LOGO on it.

PRETTY PRETTY

etc...

My friends asked me, "Don't you like pink a lot?" The mail that I've received also says that. I don't remember that I've confessed such a thing publicly. As I recall from previous chapters, my friends have written some descriptions of me. Also, if you see me in person, one can realize that. Eh? I don't think it is as serious as I imagine, right? Let's look at the things that I've bought...

I...
had an extreme dream—!!!
Steam
Eh? During which part did it start to become a dream? I even remembered that I changed into a T-shirt!
Rolled around
Fell down
Flailed all four limbs
Bent backward
Then, I was uncon-scious... Ahhhh-
Why did I have that kind of dream—?
...Huh?
The fever-reducing patch is still pretty cold...
He probably changed it many times...
Did he take care of me until morn-ing..?
Open
BA-THUMP
BLU
SH
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER NOW?
ARE YOU AWAKE?

AH!
YOUR FACE IS REALLY RED!
YOU MUST STILL HAVE A FEVER.
MOVES AWAY
I-I'm fine now! All better!
So... Sorry! I had a weird, weird dream...
Waahh~
Eh...
DID YOU DREAM THAT I ATTACKED YOU?
.....
Eh?
.....
A DREAM?

I have been a dream, right?
It even has ocean scenery!
Wah! It's so big!
Splash
It must...
Tailor?
YEAH
OKAY
I'VE ALREADY CALLED THE TAILOR TO DELIVER YOUR CLOTHES!
IF YOUR FEVER IS DOWN, YOU CAN GO TAKE A SHOWER.
Turn
"IS IT OKAY TO JUST LIKE?".
"THE ONE WHO'S BEING TEMPTED IS ME!"
It was... a dream... right...?

THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED YESTER-DAY...
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD IF IT WAS A DREAM...
Slide Slide
It feels so good! ♡
CHONEL
Ah! The clothes are there...
I'm really graceful ♡ Right?
THANKS!
BUT...
UM...
THIS...
A necklace..?
Whoa!
I've never worn these kinds of clothes before...
It's even CH*NEL!
Gasp!

ARE YOU COMPLIMENTING ME OR BASHING ME?
Didn't I tell you that it is too revealing? To me
Right!
Clothes matter
DEFINITELY, CLOTHES MATTER!
THIS DRESS IS A LITTLE TOO REVEALING
EH? BUT
PUT IT ON!
?!
Swish
Rustle
ALSO THIS
WAS WITH THE DRESS
LET ME HELP YOU PUT IT ON!
Gently
Click

THAN... THANKS!
Gasp
I...
.....
I...?
A
THAT'S TRUE!
IF YOU GIVE IT BACK TO ME, I WON'T WEAR IT ANYWAY!
THERE IS NO NEED!
Good thing today is Saturday
AH! I'LL GIVE THE DRESS BACK TO YOU ON MONDAY WHEN I GET IT CLEANED!
Have a good day!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO! IT'S FINE HERE!
YOU STILL HAVE SOME FEVER
AREN'T YOU GOING HOME IN A CAR?

I'VE DISCOVERED IT...
CLUNK
Very good! No one is at home! I'm so lucky...
Click Click
Rumble
It's pretty bad not to say anything about not coming home. It would be even worse if they find me in this kind of dress. That would be even harder to explain!
AKA-CHAN!
Even the shoes were changed!
A...AKI-NII?
Did the club activities finish?
Wahhhh
...DO YOU STILL HAVE A FEVER?

Swish
HMM!
HURRY UP AND GET IN!
YESTERDAY, I TOLD MOM AND DAD THAT YOU WERE STAYING AT MIKI'S HOUSE..
Aki-ni... How come he's acting cold towards me...?
How did he know that I had a fever...? Did I send him an email?
Eh? Turned off?
Big idiot! Damn me!
It can't be...! But besides that...
Sound of phone ringing
Damn it!
Don't tell me...
Even though I don't remember, did I call him and tell him that I was at Souseis house...?
Yikes!
.....?
??
.....
Eh...
25/7/521:16
Aki ni ♡
The call record..
090-XXX

[Subject]
Lucky Chain Mail
[Content]
Everyone wants to be lucky. This email is sent to you by the Goddess of Luck. If you send this email to 5 people within 3 days, the Goddess of Luck will show you a smile and grant you your wish. About the Goddess please click the link ↓
There's an email...
Tsk! It's a lucky mail!
Good morning
Morning
Eh
Let me borrow it.
Yesterday I was excited listening to Hakisaki's CD
Huh?
What goddess... how conceited!
Aka-chan...
IF SHE WAS THE ONE WHO SENT IT, THAT'S THE WORST.
Whisper
YOU CAN'T TELL EH?
LOOK! ISN'T SHE THE GIRL?
Whisper Whisper
EH THAT'S HER! SHE IS PRETTY PLAIN!
He's been like that since Saturday!
This morning Aki-nii was still ignoring me.
About the Goddess please look
http// S goddes
Look at this lucky email...
If you follow the link...
Ah! The one from yesterday...
EH?
Aka-chan! The most horrible thing happened!
This is bad!
MIKL
©

?!
Goddess of Luck!♡
Muraki Akane
People who can tell me information pertaining Aka chan can become even luckier!♡
E mail S goddess m@-
What... It's me...!
Ah! I also received this email!
Hey!
Hard to approach!
Mokume... he didn't receive one...?
Eeen, he's depressed.
Yeah!
Cousei kun?
ME, TOO!
ME TOO! I SAW IT ON THE NET, TOO!
I've received it! Orada!
IS IT SAFE TO SAY THAT EVERYONE HAS RECEIVED ONE?
Wahh!
WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING...?
BUT THIS IS REALLY CRUEL...
STX_beepaks

Beep
Beep
What happened?
I was deleting an email with a virus that the main computer received...
But the computer didn't listen...
HELLO, ICA
CAN YOU STOP ME, AND GUARD YOUR GODDESS?
S
"S .."
"CAN YOU STOP ME AND PROTECT YOUR GODDESS?"
.. "GODDESS!"

HUH?
ME...?
THE GUY WHO SENT THE EMAIL MUST HAVE GOTTEN IT WRONG SOMEWHERE.
THEY'RE SO UNITED ONLY AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
Nod
Nod
Nod
BUT... THIS GUY IS PRETTY SMART...
Why are you compli-menting him?!
THIS COMPUTER HAS THE LATEST PROTECTION SOFTWARE, YET HE COULD EASILY HACK IN...
HE PURPOSELY USES THE WORD "GODDESS," AND BORROWS THE NAME "S"...
IN REALITY, HE IS ACTUALLY CHALLENGING US!
"S"
WHAT...
WILL HAPPEN TO ME...?
NO ONE BELIEVES THE LUCKY MAIL MUCH ANYMORE.
THE SENDER WILL BE THE UN-LUCKY ONE!

③ About the Editor-in-Charge

In Alerte 2, I briefly mentioned the editor-in-charge (Ms. K. Tan, nicknamed KATAN). She really looks like Maki! She's a beauty, the ideal beauty, and wearing black really suits her. Last time I told her, "During the New Year's party you should wear a formal dress." "I don't want to," she refused. "But I really wanted to see her in it! (Are you a perverted old man?) She's really sharp, the super elite straightforward kind of person. Sometimes I get the impression of her disliking me (I really wanted to ask her about it!). When I'm not careful, I, the author, might forget to write the page numbers, and she'd be scolded big time. "Not again, Ms. K. Tan!" That wouldn't be good for her (I often forget to write them, though. Sorry, my bad). I really kind of like that she is strict with me and also the kind of person that can pamper me. The previous editor, Ms. G. Fuji, really knew how to use candy & whip, especially when I was trying to slack off. She would think that I was joking and I was having a tantrum. (What? I've misunderstood?) Hold on a second. Ms. G. Fuji is a "cute" kind of beauty, but her personality is like a big sister's). KATAN would not let me be pampered. She is always straight-laced, never joking, and always serious. When I hear her say "Hazuki-sensei, you...," I always start getting nervous. I will be anticipating her saying, "It doesn't matter what Hazuki-sensei says, you look like you don't get nervous at all!" It's not that I don't get nervous, I just didn't think there was any problem. I will work really hard to do it. Actually, I kind of like having someone who is straight-forward with me (cry)!

TRY NOT TO GO OUT AS MUCH...
DON'T BE ALONE EITHER!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, JUST GIVE ME A CALL!
I can't believe it...
YES.
Sousei's words can make me feel at ease!
SOUSEI-SAMA...

ICA Book storage
DON'T CALL ME THAT HERE!
DID YOU FORGET YOUR STATUS...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
YOU UNDERSTAND VERY WELL THAT THE RECENT SITUATION INSIDE THE COMPANY HASN'T BEEN VERY STABLE.
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THIS SITUATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE COMPANY
WHY ARE THEY LOCKING THE TARGET ON MURAKI AKANE?
THEY WOULDN'T THINK THAT SHE IS JUST A REGULAR ICA MEMBER...
THERE SHOULD BE OTHER REASONS, FOR EXAMPLE THAT SHE IS SOUSEI SAMA'S...
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?!
A FEW DAYS AGO, YOU WANTED ME TO BRING YOU A NECKLACE.
WHERE IS IT NOW?
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
I THINK YOU KNOW IT CLEARLY IN YOUR HEART...

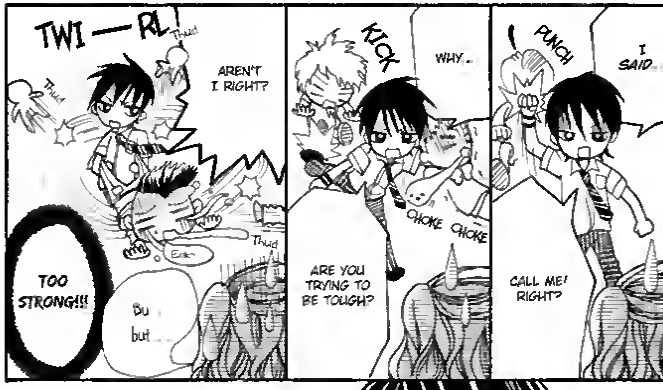
IT WILL NOT BE RECIPRO-CATED!
AH!
YOU GUYS CAN GUESS THEM YOURSELVES!
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?
AH! MURAKI! WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COLOR?
A BUNCH OF STRANGERS ASKING YOU A BUNCH OF WEIRD QUESTIONS.
What is this about telling him Aka-chan's information and becoming lucky?!
DON'T SAY IT ANYMORE! THAT REALLY PISSES ME OFF!
DID EVERYONE BELIEVE THAT EMAIL?
Being called a Goddess, such a lame name

?!
We are currently going out
But since that day, he has been cold towards me...
Before, Aki-nii was the one who went home with me...
But... Miki only left half way...
"DON'T BE ALONE!"
.....
It would be better if I were with her!
AH!
I FORGOT TO TAKE THE REPORT FOR TOMORROW! I'M SORRY, I'M GOING BACK TO GET IT. YOU CAN GO FIRST!
Eh??
WHOA!
ISN'T THAT HER?
Aki-nii has been cold toward me recently
Can I ask him "let's go home together?" But he probably has a date with Mizuki senpai
HEY! ARE YOU THE GODDESS OF LUCK FROM THE EMAIL? ♡
EH? WHAT? THE REAL ERSON?
IT'S REAL! IT'S THE REAL GODDESS HERSELF! ☆
Damn...
?!
Hey! She is not much...
Don't you think the picture is cuter?
She is really short!

He He! Tounobu! She is trembling!
Ha ha ha!
I... I DON'T KNOW!
EH... THIS GODDESS IS PRETTY STUCK UP...
Yes?
RoughMy
WON'T YOU LISTEN TO OUR WISHES?
So many people what am I going to do...?!
HEY! WHAT CAN YOU HELP ME WITH?
like this (muffled)
and that (muffled)
What am I going to do...?
Totally surrounded
Gasp!
You no-bu! You
Ow Ow Ow
GET AWAY FROM ME!
THIS WOMAN
Hit... I've hit him...
She actually made the 190cm Tounobu fly!
SO SHAME-LESS! ARE YOU REALLY THAT LACK-ING OF MEN?
YOU SENT THE EMAIL YOUR-SELF, RIGHT?
THEN, LET'S PLAY TOGETHER! ♡
SWP

SMACK
THIS STINKY WOMAN...
Eh...

SOU...
SOUSEI...
REALLY! YOU...
WHAT KIND OF BRAIN DO YOU HAVE?


TWI—RL
Thud
Thud
AREN'T I RIGHT?
Thud
Eek
TOO STRONG!!!
Bu but...
KICK
WHY..
CHOKE CHOKE
ARE YOU TRYING TO BE TOUGH?
PUNCH
I SAID...
CALL ME! RIGHT?

What is he saying...?
Really, birds of a feather flock together...
We'll remember this! Damn it.
Wobble
Wobble
..ONCE IN A WHILE, YOU SHOULD JUST LET ME PROTECT YOU!

I SAID IT BEFORE!
I'LL PROTECT YOU!
Spray
ニュー
?!
BUT THAT'S PROBABLY NOT POSSIBLE... WHO'LL HELP ME FIND PEOPLE...
Snatch
BROTHERS! LET'S GET OTHERS TO SQUASH HIM!
UHH. IT MAKES ME MAD JUST TO LOOK AT HIM!
He's handsome too.
He's handsome, ok!

What's going on?
Who is he...?
WAH! WHAT IS THIS?! I'M CONSTANTLY DRIPPING TEARS
I can't see!
LET'S GO OVER THERE!
EH?
!
IT SHOULD BE SAFE OVER HERE...
I KNOW THAT YOU ARE STRONG LIKE A DEVIL..
BUT THOSE GUYS WILL NEVER GIVE UP. EVEN IF YOU HAVE DEFEATED THEM, IT WILL BE SAFER TO FLEE!
YOU ARE...?

HELLO!
GODDESS!
ALSO..

LONG TIME NO SEE!
ARE YOU DOING WELL?
Eh...!
AKIRA...

A while back, the morning after I had an all-nighter and when I was riding the train, I suddenly didn't feel too well. So I got off the train midway. I was planning to go to Kyoto but the train was jam packed. I didn't have a place to sit and it was really painful. When I was resting at the station, there were at least 3 people asking me "Are you okay?!" Even though they say people are cold in reality they are pretty warm. For those people who worried about me, thank you very much! (Although I'm sure they won't read this chapter.) The people who work at the station are very warm too. While resting at their office under their constant care, they made me really happy. I'm really grateful to you all! (Even though I think that more than likely, they will not read this chapter either.) Everyone from the JR2 station, that's you!

Does that mean that Hazuki's body is pretty weak? It gives people this kind of impression! That's not it! I'm pretty healthy! It doesn't matter if it is work, studying, KTV, partying at night. I have no problem.

On the other hand, my skin... should not see the light of day.

What a beautiful face...
He... Is he a boy?
PLEASED TO MEET YOU! MY NAME IS AKIRA!
I'M IN MY THIRD YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, WAS BORN IN JULY, AND I'M BLOOD TYPE AB!
I... I'M MU-MURAKI AKANE... THIS YEAR I'M IN MY FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL. I WAS BORN IN MARCH, AND I'M BLOOD TYPE A!
Swiftly
!
I'VE SEEN THE EMAIL! YOU'RE THE GODDESS! ♪
LET'S BE GOOD FRIENDS! AKA-CHAN!
So flighty!
NO. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE SUCH A SCARY EXPRESSION...
I'm so hurt!
WE HAVE FINALLY MET AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME...

*Note: Big brother

4 About my drawings

In Note 3 even though I've explained to the editor in charge KATHY she turned around and asked what the meaning for writing this is... After that I went back to the main storyboard. It should be called "young boy getting gray hair! The main male character clearly has black hair but he was mistaken for a youngster with gray hair. That was a first! Task! I worked very hard on these drawings...But I have received quite a few mails from the readers saying "I like your drawings! and that eased my wounded heart. It was much appreciated...but I was still bothered by it. About this page of strange stories...it was very painful to draw. I couldn't draw and express the images in my head. (Actually, I can't express my words.) I was troubled by my drawing skill. I feel really ashamed for using excuses such as not having enough time. I debuted 5 years ago. When I started, I thought that after 5 years, I would be able to draw even better. I was living in an ignorant manner blindly believing in the future and didn't even work hard on myself. I even feel that I had been shallow. When I feel down, I will take a shower and have a hard cry. One time, I was crying and saying to myself "I have to laugh it out. As long as I don't reach the point of crying while drawing there won't be a problem! Then I went back to the original script and my tears started to drop. I really didn't want to draw anymore. I don't have any confidence about "S" at all. I really dislike being the kind of person who shows work that I'm not satisfied with people seeing. I couldn't stop my tears from falling. Don't read newspapers in front of such a person!

To be continued

They have an atmosphere between them that is hard to approach...

RIGHT NOW... I'M LIVING WITH UNCLE!

PROBABLY AROUND A WEEK AGO?

WHEN DID YOU COME BACK?

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LIVED IN SUCH A FANCY HOUSE. I'M NOT USED TO IT! I CAN'T GET MY MOOD UP!

But... Different fathers..

Still saying I'm a dead-block?

But in reality, I just realized that there is a lot that I don't know...

I thought that I'd become a little bit closer to Sousei

AKI-NII...

It really isn't fair...

What's going on?

...Ah!

AKA-CHAN...
ARE YOU GOING HOME NOW?
Isn't he going home with Mizuki senpai...?
That's right! He's still mad!
Your younger sister ♡
TEN
This kind of heavy (serious) atmosphere.
Eh? Eh?
SE
JUST IN TIME.
TAKE AKA-CHAN HOME WITH YOU!
Even though I mind... Clearly, I'm hindering them...
Eh...
Let's go!
I don't need you to tell me that. I'll take her home!
Hurry up
IT PASSED BY IN A BLINK OF AN EYE!
WAS IT BEEN 7 YEARS.

.....
THAT PERSON...
HOW'S SHE DOING?
THAT PERSON. DO YOU MEAN MOM? SHE'S VERY ENERGETIC.
AKIRA!
ANIKI YOU SEEM TO STILL BE VERY BUSY!
WHY DID YOU COME BACK?
ANIKI...
Shaking
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER THIS?
BEFORE EACH OF US HAD ONE... THE KEY THAT COMBINES THE TWO IN ORDER TO OPEN..."
AT THAT TIME, IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT IT WAS. WE ALWAYS SPLIT THINGS HALF AND HALF!

ANIKI'S STUFF. .
SPLIT IT WITH ME!
.....?!
LET US RETURN TO THAT TIME...
I KNOW IT VERY WELL THAT YOU WILL DEFINITELY REJECT ME, I ALSO KNOW THAT I CAN'T GO AGAINST YOU HEAD ON.
SO I THOUGHT OF ANOTHER WAY!
WAIT AND SEE...
THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, YOU WILL DEFINITELY LISTEN TO ME OBEDIENTLY!
AKIRA!

GODDESS
YOU SHOULD PROTECT HER WELL...
.....!
Where do you wanna eat eat for lunch?

D... DIDN'T YOU SAY NOT TO FIND YOU TO TALK?
(Unconsciously greeting each other)
I... I feel embarrassed...
.....
ABOUT YESTERDAY...
AH! ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER? YOU'VE NEVER MENTIONED THAT YOU HAVE A YOUNGER BROTHER. IT SURPRISED ME!
HE WAS REALLY CUTE!
THAT GUY IS DANGEROUS!
EH...? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
IF THAT GUY WANTS TO GET CLOSE TO YOU, DON'T YOU EVER BELIEVE HIM!
EVEN IF HE INVITES YOU, DON'T GO WITH HIM!
ACTUALLY... WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER FOR 7 YEARS!
WHAT..
STANDS
THIS WHAT KIND OF TALK IS THIS?! ISN'T HE YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER?
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO USE THIS KIND OF TONE WHEN TALKING ABOUT HIM?
WE'RE NOT THE SAME KIND OF BROTHERS THAT YOU KNOW OF...

That's right! He did say that his mother left the house with someone else...
.....
ON THE SURFACE HE IS MY FATHER'S CHILD. BUT IN REALITY HE IS THE LOVER'S CHILD!
WHEN MY MOM LEFT THE HOUSE SHE TOOK AKIRA WITH HER. JUST LIKE THAT WITH THAT MAN, THE THREE OF THEM LIVING TOGETHER...
STILL IT WOULD BE GOOD NOT TO TALK ABOUT HIM LIKE THAT.
BUT...
IN SHORT I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT GUY CAME BACK ALL OF SUDDEN... IT WOULD BE GOOD TO BE VIGILANT!
BEING A FAMILY, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF SITUATION, THEY WILL ALWAYS THINK ABOUT EACH OTHER.
ISN'T HE YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER?
.....

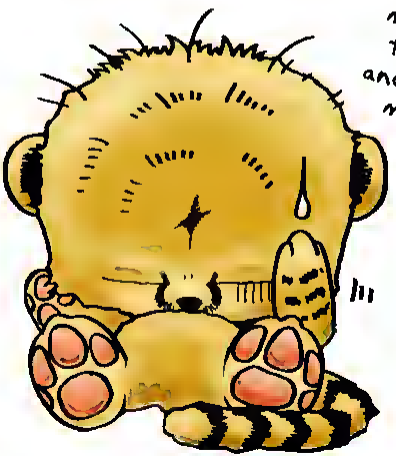
AKIRA MUST HAVE WANTED TO SEE YOU IN ORDER TO BE BACK, ISN'T IT?
DON'T SAY SUCH SELF CENTERED WORDS!
Eh...?
THROB
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
YOU ONLY KNOW ABOUT YOUR OWN STUFF, AND YET YOU TRY TO CRITICIZE MY FAMILY'S AFFAIRS!
THAT PART OF YOU REALLY IS ANNOYING!
Throb
Sause...?
Throb
A...ALTHOUGH I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
I DO KNOW... WHAT FAMILY IS...
YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND...
THINGS ABOUT ME...
IT WOULD BE GOOD THAT YOU DON'T!

YOU AND I ARE NOT THE SAME!
I'M LEAVING FIRST...
Have you always... thought that way?
Not the same as me...
We can't understand each other...
Hurry up and chase him! I have to say something... just like always...
But... my legs won't move...
I can't make a sound...
Sousei!
Please, don't go!

Need...more...staff...

ESTHETIQUE NEEDS YOU TO HELP SAVE THIS CUTE LITTLE FELLA! DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES? WE NEED EDITORS, STAT!

JOIN US AT
HTTP://WWW.ESTHETIQUE-REALM.NET



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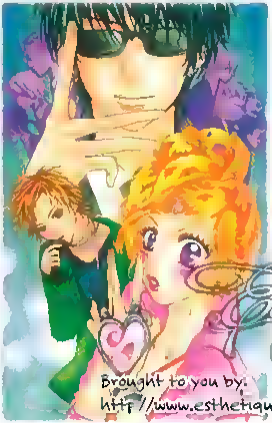

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Please, don't hate me!
HOW COULD THIS BE...?
WITH JUST A COUPLE OF WORDS
"I'M SICK OF IT!"
Every time it's like this...
Because of Souseis words my mood is affected...
But... I don't want to accept this kind of me...
Because I've had enough of it!
.....
"YOU AND I ARE NOT THE SAME!"

Not having your love fulfilled...
I'm sick of it...
Sigh... I should lighten up...
Besides the lucky chain mail incident isn't resolved yet!
I'll go to class. I enjoy playing volleyball!
Unclasp
Aki-chan! How come you look so lethargic?
Do you want to rest during PE?
Put your valuables here!

GRAB
?!
Eh! Where did Aka-chan go...?
Wasn't she next to you just awhile ago?
This
.....
YOU... AKIRA...?
So close!
yahoo!
Wait! Don't pull me!
How did this happen...?
YOU, YOU, YOU! HOW COME YOU ARE H... HERE...?
I'm here to play! Let's play! Aka-chan!
REA...
REALLY, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

Mommy Hell
I KNOW IT VERY WELL! YOU ARE A SERIOUS PERSON, HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, STRAIGHTFORWARD...
Haha
and I'm still wearing my PE uni form
CRY
I...I'VE NEVER SKIPPED CLASS BEFORE...
even though I'm not too smart
Sousei has said, "not to get close to him..."
I've already made him mad the last time...
I need to think and find out what to do first..
?? EH...
You know?
THAT NECKLACE..
YOU WERE WEARING IT YESTERDAY TOO, RIGHT?
Cover
Ba-thump
TH... THIS IS...
!!
Ah!
How steamy!
WAH! HE REALLY DOES FEEL SOMETHING FOR YOU!
I KNOW! MY BROTHER GAVE IT TO YOU!
It..it's not like that! Sousei and I are not..
Is he really dangerous?

You,
What're you spouting?!
Almost exploded
That was, I had a fever and he was taking care of me!
DIDN'T YOU SPEND THE NIGHT AT HIS PLACE? DOESN'T THAT MEAN THAT YOU'VE DONE IT?
EEH.. BUT I'VE SEEN IT THOUGH.. YOU AND MY BROTHER CAME OUT OF HIS HOME TOGETHER! ♡
That was only a simple naive dream
Although he kissed me he still doesn't like me
SOUSEI.. TOWARDS ME, HE DEFINITELY..
THAT KIND OF STUFF WOULD NEVER HAPPEN WITH US...
Now, he has said a lot of hurtful words that made me not know what to do...
But...
He also said to me. "I will protect you."
But he gave me this neck-lace...

EH?
AKA-CHAN, YOU..
LIKE MY BROTHER, RIGHT?
Blush
N... NO... IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
AH! IT IS REALLY YOU!! YOU ARE THE "GODDESS," RIGHT?!
WHAT IS IT?!
A... again...?!
Even middle schoolers...?!
WE'VE READ THE LUCKY EMAIL.
AH!
PLEASE EXCUSE US...
.....

ANNOYING...
SWISH!
AH!
They are different from the other times...
PLEASE!
But... it would be troublesome if they want the necklace
DOESN'T MATTER WHAT IT IS, PLEASE LET HER HAVE SOMETHING SO SHE CAN HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE!
Ah!
SOMETHING LIKE A PROTECTION CHARM... OR THAT NECKLACE!
Eh?
THIS I WANTED TO CONFESS TOMORROW I WAS WISHING FOR A GOOD OUTCOME!
PUNCH
You can't!
HUH.
Click
GOOD LUCK!
PLEASE ACCEPT THIS!
SINCE I CAN'T GIVE YOU THE NECKLACE...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN HIT SINCE CHILDHOOD

Good bye!
Thanks!
WHY'D YOU DO THAT?
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE THE POWER OF LUCK?
♡
My hair is all messed up!
ALTHOUGH I DON'T HAVE THE POWER, IF THAT GIRL GAINS MORE SELF-CONFIDENCE BECAUSE OF IT, ISN'T IT A GOOD THING?
YOU REALLY ARE KIND!
IS IT BECAUSE YOU ARE FORTUNATE? SHARE SOME WITH ME...
...?
FORTUNE... I'M NOT TOO SURE WHAT THAT IS...
I THINK THAT KIND OF THING IS NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN SHARE OR TAKE FROM SOMEONE!
ALTHOUGH IT IS A BIT FASTER...
BUT! NEVER MIND!
HOW TROUBLE-SOME...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET SOME-ONE WHO IS SERIOUSLY SPOUTING NICE SOUNDING WORDS!

SORRY
YOU REALLY MAKE ME SICK!
...
?!
Can you stop me?
Recipient
brother
Subject
Attachment
Content
And... guard your Goddess?
BEEPBEEPBEEPBEEP
CLICK
zzzz

BEEP!
LUCKY CHAIN MAIL!
RATTLE
ABOUT THIS... IT'S LIKE THIS...
SLIDE
Eh, wait! Where are you going?!!
Souseiー!
Gasp
YOU, SHINGUJI SOUSEI! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
DID THE TEACHER MAKE A MISTAKE AGAIN?

HMM... HER UNIFORM AND HER VALUABLES ARE STILL IN SCHOOL...
AKA-CHAN ISN'T BACK YET...?
[Status] Kidnapped the goddess
[Control]
Sup
EHP
Grip
WHERE IS AKA-CHAN?
SHIN... SHINGUJI SENPAI?!
Kyaa! Kyaa! Kyaa!
IT'S LIKE THIS...
WHEN WE WERE GOING TO OUR FIFTH PERIOD PE CLASS, SHE DISAPPEARED SUDDENLY...
HER BAGS AND OTHER BELONGINGS WERE LEFT UNTOUCHED!
HER CELL PHONE WAS LEFT IN SCHOOL, SO WE COULDN'T CONTACT HER...
SO IT'S LIKE THIS...
.....
EH!!
Miki's shoulder was touched
What what is going on...
Kyaa! Kyaa! Kyaa!
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
WHAT IS HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH AKA-CHAN?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SHINGUJI SENPAI HAS SHOWN THAT KIND OF EXPRESSION...
Shaaa
ARE YOU AWAKE, GODDESS?!
NEXT...
WHAT SHOULD WE PLAY?

Many readers often ask me in their mail "When you want to be a mangaka, is it better to go to a specialized school or an art school?" No such thing! In my opinion, if you want to become a mangaka, one has to rely on his/her own hard work and patience to reach that goal. For example, I didn't even take any art classes during my high school years and right now, I'm studying literature in a private university. If I don't attend my classes, I would fall behind. Therefore, during the manuscript time, it's very painful for me! I've pulled all-nighters before trying to finish the manuscript and also rush to finish a report at the same time. I'm living in a life that gets by by a hair's length. I'm not lying to you all...

Originally, I thought that I would have more time once I'm in university... But I like to go to school! I like to live by myself, and I also like to get crazy with a group of friends. Therefore, there is never enough time. My major is Literature at the university. During discussion times, we always have fun. Arguing among the classmates is so brilliant! Eh? Looks like it is hard to mention it? Anyway, I feel that increasing one's experience in the world is very important.

Oh. About being a mangaka! But solely going to school might help me draw even better... What? I'm at the end! How do I say this...

AKA-CHAN, DO YOU CALL THIS KIND OF THING A JOKE?
.....!!
HA HA HA...
I REALLY WANT TO LET BROTHER TO SEE IT SOON...
WHAT KIND OF EXPRESSION WOULD HE HAVE?
WHEN HE SEES HIS MOST IMPORTANT GIRL BEING PLAYED WITH...
WE USED TO SPLIT EVERYTHING IN HALF!
TAKE THIS KEY, HA HA! TO OUTSIDERS, IT MAY LOOK LIKE A TOY!
I STILL WANT IT TO BE LIKE BEFORE, TAKE TWO LIVES AND SPLIT IT EVENLY!
ISN'T IT FAIR? ONLY ONE IS MORE FORTUNATE.
.....

AKIRA..
YOU REALLY LIKE SOUSEI, RIGHT?
EVEN THOUGH IT'S LIKE THIS, YOU SHOULD JUST WORK EVEN HARDER TO SHOW THAT... THERE IS NO POINT IN DOING THESE KINDS OF THINGS!
BESIDES... SOUSEI SEEMS TO BE THAT FORTUNATE...
ON THE SURFACE IT MAY LOOK LIKE THAT, BUT THAT'S BECAUSE SOUSEI WORKED VERY HARD TO BE FORTUNATE!
IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION, CAN YOU STILL TALK?
Grab
IT SEEMS THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION!
Ah...
LOOKS LIKE...
WITH SOUSEI'S...
THE EYES FEEL LIKE...
TSK YOU SURE ARE A NAGGING WOMAN WHO'S FULL OF HERSELF

Beep
Click
LOOKS LIKE YOU NEED TO BE PUNISHED!
!?
Tug
DON'T...
Beep
NO...
DON'T BE LIKE THIS..
CUT
BO
NK
Ah!
...
It hurts...
Hardly ever gets hit

Rattle
Escape quickly...!
SHOCK
!!
The door is locked!
It's too high to go through the window..
Phone...!!
Who should I call...?
I don't know Souseis number..
Calling the police would be a little... He's still Souseis little brother!
The only number that I remember is...
Trururu
Click
HELLO?

Let's go to the club
Chatter
Finally school's out
Chatter
WH... WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY ARE YOU SO FRANTIC...?
IT'S ME! AKA-CHAN!
AKI-NI!...?!
SAVE ME...
I- I WAS TAKEN TO A HIGH RISE BUILDING...
WHAT?!
HIGH RISE BUILDING?! WHERE...?!
Turn
Where is he...?
Don't tell me... he was here spying the whole time...?
IT SHOULD BE NEAR THE GARASUDA STATION...
GO STRAIGHT AFTER THE STATION...
THIS...
The room across seems like... Sousei's room...?

...!!
DREAD
SOUSEI...
Save me!
AKA-CHAN?!
LET... LET ME GO...
NO...
WHY DO YOU WANT TO DO THIS KIND OF THING...?
Beep

I AM THE "S"!
DU—
DU—
ASK-ING ME WHY
DON'T YOU KNOW?
SLAM
SOU
Sousei...!!
Part

.....
YOU SURE GOT HERE PRETTY FAST IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU CAME AFTER I FINISHED
WE DIDN'T EVEN GET THE CHANCE TO KISS YET!
THUD
Cough
!!
IF YOU EVER DO ANYTHING TO HER AGAIN...
I WILL DESTROY YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE !!

IF YOU UNDERSTAND, DISAPPEAR FROM MY SIGHT FAST !!
AS LONG AS YOU CAN'T SHAKE OFF MY INFLUENCE, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BEAT ME!
Thump
HAA... HAA... YOU DO HAVE THIS KIND OF EXPRESSION!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
THIS WAS A WARNING
He came!
.....
For me...
When I needed it the most, he was there to help me!
By my side...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
Every time, every single time, he appears before me!

I...
I... can't deny it anymore...
like Sousei...
SOU-SEI.
THANK YOU...

It's all high rise buildings here!
Damn it...
Where is she...?
AH! EXCUSE ME .!!

ARE YOU AKA-CHAN'S BROTHER?!
YES
AH! AT THAT TIME!
Although
At that time we were in a hurry
That kid is Souseki's little brother!
They don't look alike
Why is he wet? This
I TRIED TO STOP IT,
BUT MY BROTHER, HE
HE... TO AKA-CHAN...!!
BAM

SOU-SEI...?
.....
AKA-CHAN!!
THIS GUY!
.....!!
YOU MISUN-DERSTOOD! SOUSEI, HE...
DON'T DON'T BE LIKE THIS, AKI-NII!!
ATTACK
I DIDN'T GIVE AKA-CHAN TO YOU SO YOU COULD DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!!
WHAT DID I MISUNDER-STAND?! LOOK AT THE WAY YOU LOOK DON'T BULLY PEOPLE!!
AKI-NII.

YOU SURE ARE PROTECTIVE OF YOUR LITTLE SISTER!
LOOK AT YOU CAN YOU BE THE "ANIKI" FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?
.....!!
AKI-NII...
DO AS YOU LIKE!
IN SHORT...
I HAVE THE SAME INTENTION!
FROM NOW ON, DON'T EVER GET CLOSE TO AKA-CHAN...!!

What...?!
SOUSE!
GOOD BYE!
"I HAVE THE SAME INTENTION..."
"GOOD-BYE..."
How could this be?
Are they from his heart?
His words...?

I finally understand!
HE WAS ALWAYS THERE TO HELP ME...
ACTUALLY, HE'S VERY GENTLE!
AKA-CHAN...
HE IS NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON...
THAT'S NOT TRUE...
Slam
AKA-CHAN! I THINK YOU'VE BEEN PLAYED BY HIM!
WHAT IS THIS?! THAT GUY, WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS THAT...?
And now, he's leaving me...?
SUDDENLY CALLING AN EMERGENCY MEETING! IT LOOKS LIKE ALL THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE WERE CALLED!
OPEN
SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
TOO SLOW, ANIKI!

I GOT TIRED OF WAITING! ☆
AKIRA ?!
I'VE TOLD EVERYONE JUST A WHILE AGO... BUT I WILL SAY IT AGAIN!
ABOUT THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF ZINGOO...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHEN THE CURRENT PRESIDENT RETIRES...
MY BROTHER AND I WILL BE THE SUCCESSORS!
WHAT?!
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT!
SOUSEI-SAMA, BEING THE ELDEST SON OF SHIGUJI FAMILY... WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE RIGHTFUL SUCCESSOR. HE HAS BEEN TRAINED SINCE HE WAS YOUNG FOR IT...
BUT AKIRA-SAMA, YOU...
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME, NASHIMA!

SPEAKING OF SMARTS, I WON'T LOSE TO ANYONE...
ANIKI SHOULD CLEARLY KNOW ABOUT THIS!
ALSO... THIS AFFAIR WAS PRESENTED TO THE CURRENT PRESIDENT...
FATHER HAS ACKNOWLEDGED IT!
BECAUSE I...
?!
AM ALSO FATHER'S LEGITIMATE SON!
ABOUT A WEEK AGO, THE DNA TEST RESULT CAME BACK...
IT PROVED THAT I HAVE THE SAME BLOOD AS THE SHINGUJI FAMILY!

.....
I really wanted to see him...
SHINGUJI SENPAI HASN'T BEEN TO SCHOOL FOR SEVERAL DAYS?
IT'S SO LONELY
I HEARD THAT...
So annoying
HE WAS GOING TO QUIT SCHOOL...
Is there for real?
It has been a while since I came to school...
I have to thank Sousei... then... also apologize for Akimi's misunderstanding
"You should rest for a while" Aki-nii said that
Mimi brought her un For n and stuff at his house
WHERE IS SOUSEI?! IT'S A LIE THAT HE'S GOING TO QUIT SCHOOL, RIGHT?!
AKA-CHAN
KAITE!!
"GOOD-BYE!"
What...?!
Liar...
Don't tell me...!
.....
It's so rare There's a first year thinking for Hairo
He's pretty popular with third years!

AT THIS TIME,
Eh...?!
BUT... I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OUTCOME WOULD BE!
I'M NOT TOO CLEAR ABOUT IT. I CAN'T EVEN CONTACT HIM!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE ALREADY MENTIONED TO THE SCHOOL ABOUT QUITTING!
ORADA DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL EITHER...
WE CAN ONLY OBSERVE THE SITUATION!
WE ALSO.
.....
"CAN ONLY OBSERVE THE SITUATION."
SOUSEI, HE...
WILL BE BACK, RIGHT...?
What if...!
YOU GUYS SAY IT...
He doesn't come back...?
HE DEFINITELY WON'T BE BACK!

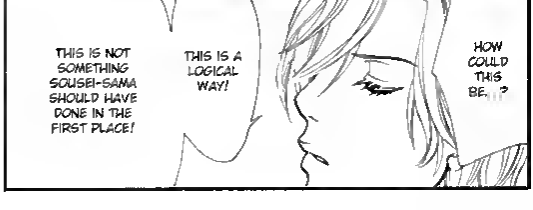
5 About this story

During 4 I've said some depressing stuff but in reality when I was drawing "S+" I was pretty happy!

"S+" is created under the idea of being a manga even though it is useless words. But because of that idea a lot of manga was drawn with the scenarios that can only exist in manga. Because in reality the scenarios cannot be fulfilled that easily. When I drew the manga I was extremely happy. This kind of thinking exists in my mind it makes me want to draw "it's because it is a manga therefore it can happen." Huh? You don't understand? Really nevermind!

I think that to come up with all sorts of material is not too difficult but if you can turn everyday life into something more exciting and meaningful. that person is really good I wish one day I can draw like that too... If I don't work hard I probably will show my crying face to everyone to see.

Suddenly I realized that "S+" doesn't have much romance in it... The female lead character didn't consider Sousei to be a match the whole time (better yet that she didn't even pay attention to her own feelings) therefore she felt somewhat dense. ICA's members are not usually welcomed in a girl's manga. they are just for fun (Laugh)!



SOUSEI-SAMA HAS DECIDED TO NOT PLAY THIS CHILDISH GAME.
AND STARTED TO SERIOUSLY LEARN THE SUCCESSOR'S WORK!
THEREFORE, FROM NOW ON, HE WON'T BE HERE ANYMORE!
Are those words real?
"I ALSO HAVE THE SAME INTENTION. ."
"GOOD-BYE!"
He won't be here anymore...?
If he quit both the school and ICA... We won't have any connection!
won't be able to see Sousei!
already...
THAT'S TOO BAD... IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
WE MADE A PROMISE "LIVING FOR YOURSELF AS FIRST PRIORITY..."
WHAT IS THIS...? YOU GUYS...

I want to see you again!
I hate the fact that we can't meet..
"ICA IS A CHILDISH GAME..."
I CAN'T ACCEPT THAT
IF I DON'T HEAR IT STRAIGHT FROM HIM, I WON'T BELIEVE IT!
A, AKA-CHAN, DOES THIS MEAN...
IF HE DOESN'T COME HERE...
"HE WON'T BE HERE ANY-MORE..."
DID YOU GUYS HEAR THAT FROM SOUSEI'S MOUTH?
LET US BE THE ONES TO GO FIND HIM!
Let's go see Sousei!
MARCH TO SHINGUJI'S HOME!

Need...more...staff...

ESTHETIQUE NEEDS YOU TO HELP SAVE THIS CUTE LITTLE FELLA! DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES? WE NEED JAPANESE/KOREAN TRANSLATORS, EDITORS, AND EXPERIENCED QC-ERS, STAT!

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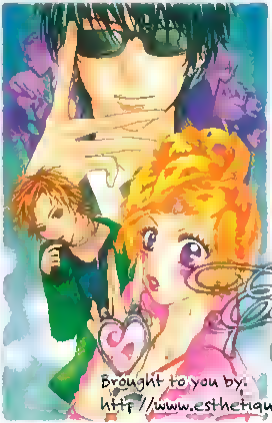

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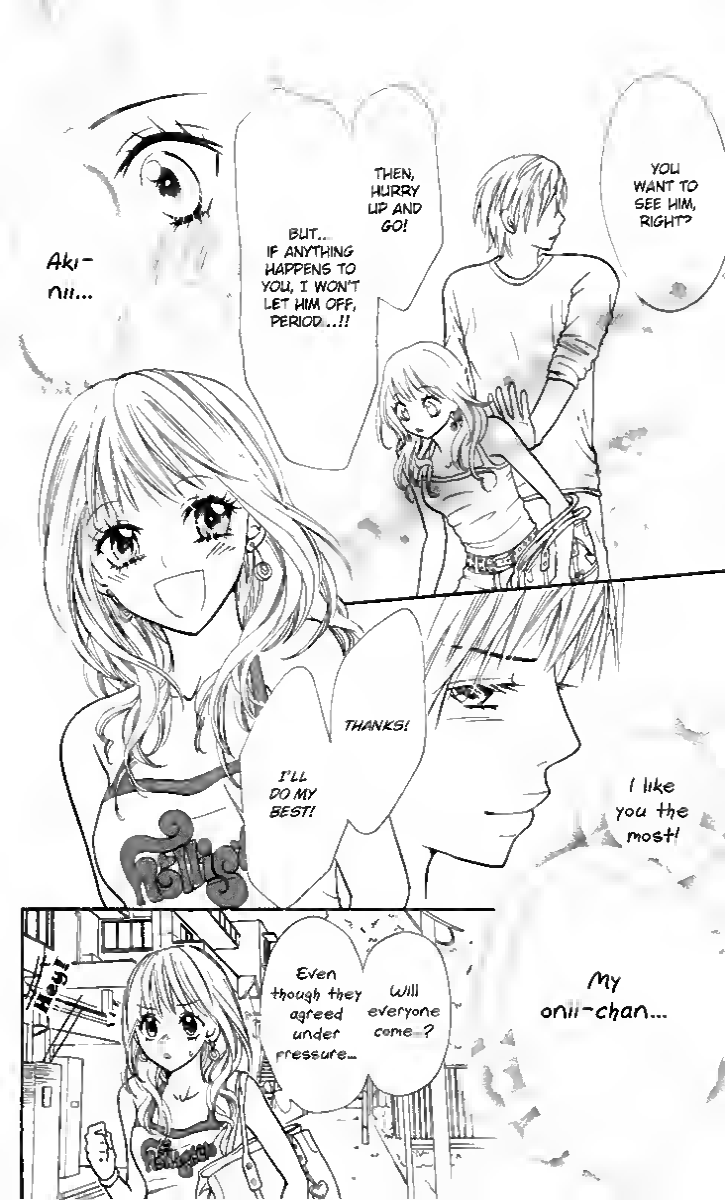
Usually literature is my best subject. but recently it seems that I've degenerated! The essay that I wrote looked weird, and I've been misspelling English words quite often! When the first volume of "S" was being published the printers pointed out ALL of the mistakes. They're really sharp! They even checked the smallest details for me. I'm very grateful... Please guide me from today onwards too!

Even though I realized that I've written a bunch of "Thank You's" I deeply feel that I can only survive with the help of others. If only I had the ability to help others, that would be great...

Some of the ones that have always helped me are the mangaka Mia, my high school friend Chie, my currently pregnant older sister Izumi, my brother-in-law, and the editorial department's various editors, my friends who encourage me, my family, and my partying friends. And also, the readers! All of you have saved me! I'm extremely grateful to everyone!

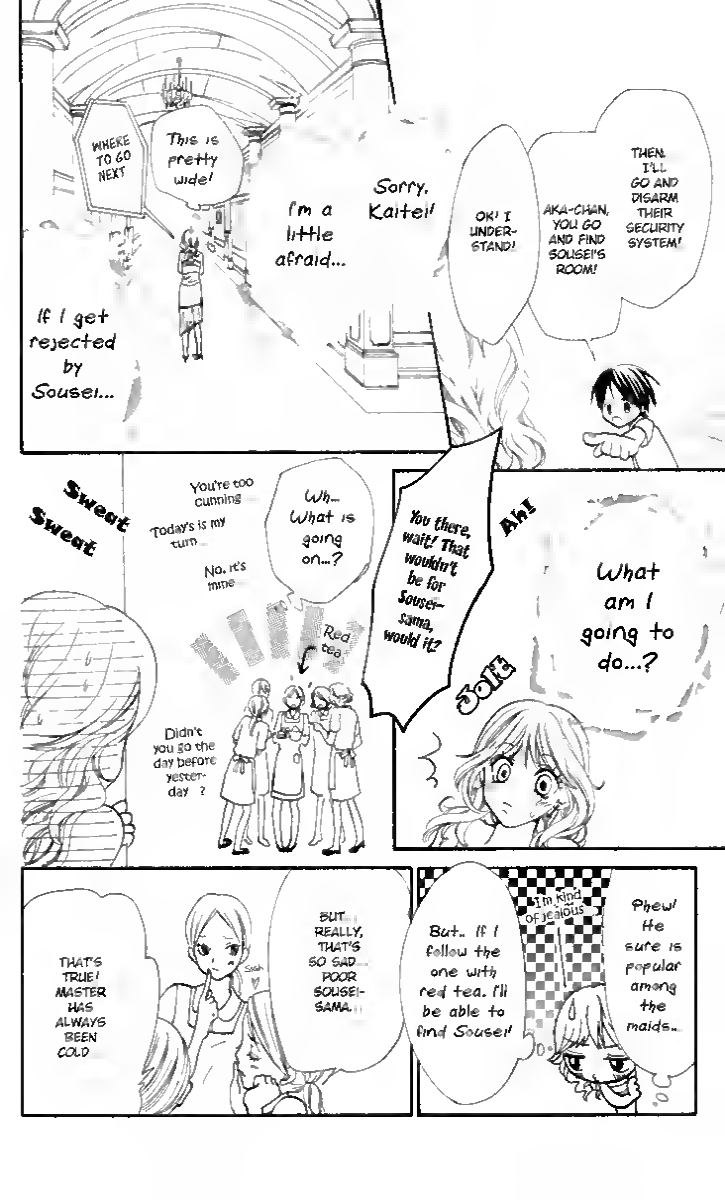
AKI-NII...
ARE YOU GOING TO LOOK FOR HIM?
THERE IS A CHANCE THAT...
I REALLY WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE SOUSEI ANYMORE...
IF I DON'T SEE HIM NOW, I KNOW I'LL REGRET IT LATER!
BUT... I REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM.
THERE-FORE...
I KNOW THAT I MIS-UNDERSTOOD THE INCIDENT BEFORE...
BUT... I REALLY CAN'T ACCEPT THAT GUY
AKI-NII...
?!
PUSH


Aki-nii...
BUT... IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU, I WON'T LET HIM OFF, PERIOD...!!
THEN, HURRY UP AND GO!
YOU WANT TO SEE HIM, RIGHT?
THANKS!
I'LL DO MY BEST!
I like you the most!
Hey!
Even though they agreed under pressure...
Will everyone come...?
My onii-chan...

!!
AKA-CHAN! HURRY UP!
YOU GUYS CANNOT MAKE ANY MISTAKE AT ALL! LET SOUSEI SEE OUR ABILITIES!
DID EVERYONE MEMORIZE THE BATTLE PLAN?
WHAT'S THIS? EVERYONE SURE IS ENERGETIC!
Oh! Thank you Tarabou
Who is driving?
My family chauffeur
Oh!!
Bam!
This is the enter entrance
Hairin-sama has arrived
MOVE
WELCOME HAIRO-SAMA
COULD WE INQUIRE AS TO WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS YOU HAVE TODAY...?
OF COURSE! WE'VE KNOWN SOUSEI A LOT LONGER THAN YOU HAVE!
I'm also from a wealthy family
He said it himself

How do you say it to make it all right...?
I KNOW HE'S AT HOME!
BUT SOUSEI-SAMA IS OUT AT THE MOMENT
Impressive
It's so huge! Enormous...!!
After seeing it, I understand...
Is this really Japan?!
NONSENSE! I CAME HERE TO LOOK FOR SOUSEI!
SHE'S MY RELATIVE'S DAUGHTER
How... how do you do...?
"YOU AND I ARE NOT THE SAME!"
That's Rarahou and Rikizou!!
Dance
Wah!
Wah!
!
IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE HAS INVADED...
WHAT HAPPENED?!
NOT GOOD!!
.....

GOOD! ATSUHOSHI! MOKUME! WE'VE ENTERED THE PREMISES AND ARE PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY!
CONTINUE TO MONITOR US!
Warning! In video you entered on his wrist.
OK
Used the computer to disable the alarm system!
THE DOOR OPENED? WASN'T IT LOCKED?
Ah! Wait!!
creak
LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF HARD WORK! DO YOUR BEST!
I... I'M NOT BEING TIMID!
!
AKA-CHAN! THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE TIMID!!
.....
YEAH!
YOU WON'T GIVE UP BEFORE YOU GET A CHANCE TO SEE SOUSEI AND TALK WITH HIM!
AM I RIGHT?
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SAID IT?

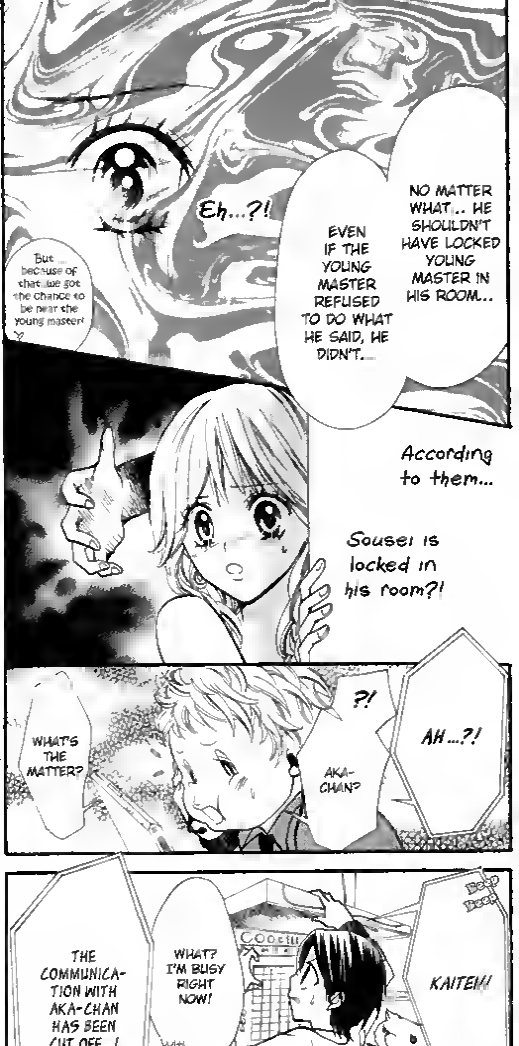

If I get rejected by Sousei...
I'm a little afraid...
Sorry, Kaitei!
This is pretty wide!
WHERE TO GO NEXT
OK! I UNDERSTAND!
AKA-CHAN, YOU GO AND FIND SOUSEI'S ROOM!
THEN, I'LL GO AND DISARM THEIR SECURITY SYSTEM!
Sweat
Sweat
You're too cunning
Today's is my turn
No, it's mine
Wh... What is going on...?
Red tea
Didn't you go the day before yesterday ?
You there, wait! That wouldn't be for Sousei-sama, would it?
Ah!
What am I going to do...?
Jolie
THAT'S TRUE! MASTER HAS ALWAYS BEEN COLD
Sob
BUT... REALLY, THAT'S SO SAD... POOR SOUSEI-SAMA...
But.. If I follow the one with red tea. I'll be able to find Sousei!
I'm Kind of jealous
Phew! He sure is popular among the maids..

About the readers' mail and characters 6

In truth, I was shocked! Sousei is actually popular. Starting from the first chapter, wasn't he making people mad? Without a name in the beginning, no matter how you look at it, he looked like a weird and perverted person, right? He is so cute...! Are you for real? (I'm sorry, I'm being rude!) On my own, I decided to use the readers' preferences to rate them accordingly. Sousei: Aka-chan: Akibei = 6 : 3.5 : 0.5 (Laugh). It stayed the same since the beginning. Especially the first volume (so-tired). I never thought about drawing Sousei to be handsome. Therefore, I was shocked to see that he was so popular. Was it because he had black hair? Personally, I like lighter hair more! I guess it depends on the characters! It just came to me: it looks like one of Margaret's questions was a specific one. Which character do you want to become?" Sousei seemed like the only male that was chosen (laugh). Thank you everyone for voting for him! But... I really want to ask everyone. Why? "By becoming Sousei" what are you going to do? If you see my question, could you please answer me in your letters! Looks like Aka-chan is rated close to the top! Really, really thank you all!

About reader e-mail

When the first volume was finished, even though I swore that I would reply, I overslept and didn't get to do it. I swear, when the sequel is finished, I will work hard to have a reply to the mail. (My bad (so embarrassing). I've made everyone wait! I'll do as much as I can to draw some side pictures (pencil drawings) in the mail. Therefore, please tell me which characters do you like the most. Even though I really wanted to use envelopes to do the correspondence, I'm sorry. I still think using a post card is the better choice! Everyone who still writes letters to someone like me, I thank you from the bottom of my heart!


Eh...?!
But... because of that, I've got the chance to be near the young master!
EVEN IF THE YOUNG MASTER REFUSED TO DO WHAT HE SAID, HE DIDN'T...
NO MATTER WHAT... HE SHOULDN'T HAVE LOCKED YOUNG MASTER IN HIS ROOM...
According to them...
Sousei is locked in his room?!
?!
AH...?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
AKA-CHAN?
Beep Beep
KAITE!!
THE COMMUNICATION WITH AKA-CHAN HAS BEEN CUT OFF...!
WHAT? I'M BUSY RIGHT NOW!
With this, the security system is rendered useless

WHAT...?!
WAIT... LET ME GO!
I CAME HERE TO SEE SOUSEI.
WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?
ANIKI ALWAYS WANTED TO PROTECT YOU GUYS...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THIS...?
AKIRA...!!
AKA-CHAN HAS ALSO JOINED THE ICA, RIGHT?
Sweep
UN-LOCK-ING THE DOOR?
TO PUT IT SIMPLE THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT IF ANIKI DOES NOT LEAVE THE SCHOOL AND ICA, HE WOULD DO SOMETHING UNFAVORABLE TO YOU GUYS!
RATTLE
YEAH! BUT THIS WAS JUST A SUG-GESTION ON MY PART!
LIKE THIS ANIKI WOULD HAVE TO CUT ALL TIES WITH YOU PEOPLE!
COME!
WE'RE HERE! HOW IS IT? PRETTY GOOD SCENERY?
Who would've thought that it was this kind of situa-tion...?

Then... Sousei did it for us...?
THIS HERE... YOU CAN ONLY OPEN THE DOOR OF THIS ROOM WITH THIS KEY...
ANIKI AND I USED TO PLAY IN HERE OFTEN!
ONLY WE HAVE THE KEY TO THIS ROOM.
WHY...?
YOU OBVIOUSLY TREASURE YOUR MEMORY OF YOUR CHILDHOOD, AND KEPT THAT KEY WITH CARE
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SEND THE EMAIL TO ICA, MY LUCKY EMAIL...
AND TRY TO PUSH SOUSEI INTO A CORNER...?
WHAT ARE YOU ACTUALLY THINKING?
BECAUSE IT WASN'T FAIR!
WHAT...?
NO ONE NEEDED ME!
FOR EXAMPLE, IF I DISAPPEAR NOW, NO ONE WOULD GO LOOKING FOR ME. BUT FOR ANIKI, THAT WON'T BE THE CASE!
IT'S THIS KIND OF THING THAT'S NOT FAIR!

I WILL MAKE THEM ALL DISAP-PEAR...!
THERE FORE...
WHAT EVER THING ANIKI TREA-SURES
ANIKI'S PRECIOUS THINGS.
Surprised
Lips
AKA-CHAN, ARE YOU WILLING TO LOVE ME...?
RATH-ER...
How scary!
But...
I CAN'T LOVE YOU!
BE-CAUSE THE PERSON THAT AKIRA NEEDS THE MOST...
ISN'T ME, IS IT...?

RIGHT NOW, I NEED SOUSEI VERY MUCH!
IT CAN'T BE ANYONE BUT HIM!
AKIRA, YOU WILL DEFINITELY FIND SOMEONE WHO WILL TREAT YOU LIKE THAT, TOO!
DEFINITELY! EVERYONE WILL HAVE SOMEONE WHO EXISTS SOLELY FOR THEM. !
IT'S SO OBVIOUS THAT YOU ARE AFRAID OF ME TO THE POINT OF SHAKING...
!!
YOU CAME HERE TO SEE ANIKI?
I WON'T LET YOU SEE HIM FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!
AND STILL STUBBORNLY SPOUTING THESE HIGH AND MIGHTY WORDS!
YOU WANT SOUSEI'S HALF... TAKING HIS THINGS AWAY FORCIBLY WON'T BRING YOU HAPPINESS!
BAM
LITTLE BROTHER
IF YOU WANT TO BE LIKED, YOU HAVE TO BE THE ONE TO SAY IT FIRST!
GOOD-BYE!
WAIT! AKIRA

Mom!
IF YOU WANT TO BE TREASURED
YOU SHOULD TREASURE THE OTHER PARTY FIRST...!!
MOM! WHERE'S ANIKI?
ISN'T HE COMING WITH US?
HE CAN'T
BECAUSE HE'S THAT PERSON'S CHILD HE CAN'T COME WITH US!
AFTER TESTING IT WE DISCOVERED THAT YOU ARE NOT BLOOD A TYPE
YOU ARE AB TYPE!
THE PATIENT NEEDS B BLOOD
USE MY BLOOD! I ALSO HAVE TYPE A BLOOD!
...GOT RUN OVER BY A CAR THAT RAN THE RED LIGHT...
WEE-
WEE-
WEE-HOO
IT ISN'T LIFE THREATENING SHE WILL RECOVER FULLY AFTER THE OPERATION!
Mom!
Mom...

"IT WON'T WORK BECAUSE HE IS THAT PERSON'S CHILD!"
AKIRA!
YOU COULDN'T BE THAT PERSON'S
WHAT...
I'M SO SOR-RY!
I'M SO SOR-RY!
I REALLY WISHED THAT HE WAS YOUR CHILD
I'M SOR-RY!
Frustrated
OOHH... I REALLY CAN'T GET OUT...
But... I'm already here!
I can never give up!
Is there anything that I can use?!
Oh?
STILL NOTHING FROM AKA-CHAN?!
YEAH... IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S SOME-WHERE WHERE SHE CAN'T RECEIVE ANY SIGNAL

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT SHE'S USING...
THE THING THAT ANIKI MADE
CAN YOU HEAR ME.?
.....!!
?!
AH!!
AH!!
CRACKLE
SOUSEI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?! IT'S AKA-CHAN!!
Nothing matters! Sousei! Listen!!
I CAME HERE TO SEE SOUSEI!!!
Err. Where's this?
Even though I don't understand why there's such a thing
It is clearly an old room
Really! The toy room has some weird things that are definitely not toys!
It looks like it can be used
Anyway, turn on all of the switches!!
It's a microphone that broadcasts to the entire house!!
It can be used!
RI- RIGHT NOW TESTING THE MICRO-PHONE

I can't see him... I can't hear his voice...
WHY'D YOU DECIDE ON YOUR OWN?
DO WE ONLY HAVE THAT KIND OF EXIS-TENCE?
I don't know if this will reach him
EVEN IF YOU DID IT TO PROTECT US, IT STILL WON'T MAKE US HAPPY
IF YOU REALLY HAVE DECIDED TO INHERIT THE FAMILY BUSINESS, YOU SHOULD FACE US AND TELL US THAT!
But...
MAYBE I REALLY DON'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T TELL ME ANYTHING, SOUSEI!
I am really scared to be rejected...
SOUSEI DIDN'T YOU SAY IT BEFORE?
THAT I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT IS GOING ON WITH YOU
The words in my heart that I wanted to say!
I WANT TO KNOW STUFF ABOUT SOUSEI...
I WANTED TO KNOW, TO UNDER-STAND MORE, WAS THAT NOT OKAY...?
SOU-SEI..
DON'T... DON'T IGNORE US...

EVERYONE NEEDS YOU, SOUSEI
DON'T FORGET IT..!
Idiot
I should have said where I was at the beginning!
No one will come and save me like this!!
Damn it! It got cut off!
EH..?
Murmur
AH! THAT'S RIGHT! NEXT IS, RIGHT NOW, I...
SOUSEI, DIDN'T I ALREADY TELL YOU THAT YOU SHOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT YOUR ACTIONS..?
WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION ABOUT?
!!
Taking advantage of the chaos to steal a run
MASTER WILL GET MAD!!
WHERE'S MY FATHER?
EH?
YOU CAN'T! PLEASE DON'T LEAVE THE ROOM!!
SOU SOUSEI-SAMA!!

SOUSEI! WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO...?
THAT VOICE A WHILE AGO. IS SHE THE GIRL AKIRA TOLD ME ABOUT THAT WAS REALLY CLOSE TO YOU?
ALL THE PREVIOUS STRANGE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED... I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU WHAT YOU SHOULD DO!
MASTER...
SLAM
PERMISSION TO SPEAK, MR PRESIDENT!!
FATHER...!
WE ARE NOT USELESS THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS THAT ONLY WE CAN DO!
THAT'S RIGHT! THE CLUB PRESIDENT HAS TAUGHT US MANY THINGS...
SOUSEI! YOU AREN'T ALLOWED TO QUIT ON YOUR OWN!!
ALL OUR ACTIVITIES, TOO...
EVEN THOUGH AKA-CHAN IS DUMB AND DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT CONSEQUENCES...
SHE REALLY DOES CARE ABOUT WHAT'S AROUND HER!
COOL

RIGIDLY ADHERING TO WORK, TO BLOOD TIES.
THOSE AREN'T THE THINGS THAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT...
COME! TAKE THEM AWAY!
WHAT NONSENSE...
YOU ARE THE ONE SPEAKING NONSENSE!
YOU CLEARLY HAVE EVERYTHING...
WHY...?
Who are these people?!
SOUSEI!! HURRY!
AKA-CHAN MUST BE SHUT IN SOMEWHERE!!
THAT'S RIGHT... I CAN LIVE WITHOUT HER..
DEFINITELY... DEFINITELY, I WON'T LET YOU SEE THAT WOMAN...!!
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT YOU'D ABANDON EVERYTHING FOR A GIRL THAT YOU COULD GET ANYWHERE...?!
SOUSEI!!
ARE YOU GOING TO ABANDON EVERYTHING FOR THAT PLAIN GIRL?!

IT WOULD BE NO FUN, JUST LIKE BEING DEAD!
BUT... WITHOUT HER...
I don't want that... who would have thought that this kind of thing would happen in Japan ?
Ah!
Am I going to live here for the rest of my life?! Starving to death?!
Oohh...
I'm hungry!
Blueberry ran out of juice
I hate being like this... I don't want to die alone...
I want to see Souse!
Thinkers
I miss you...
SOU-SEL...
I STILL HAVE A LOT OF THINGS THAT I HAVEN'T SAID TO YOU YET...

The most important one...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY?
SOU-SEI...
Is this a dream... Or is it a delusion...?

THE NECK-LACE... DID IT BREAK?
!
Could this..
be the real one!?
HOW'D YOU GET HERE ?
WEREN'T YOU LOCKED UP IN YOUR ROOM?
HEY! AKA-CHAN!
YOU DON'T WANT ICA AND THE SCHOOL ANY-MORE...
I CAN'T EVEN SEE YOU ANY-MORE!
AKA-CHAN!
I WON'T LEAVE ICA AND SCHOOL..
AREN'T I HERE NOW?!
.....
DON'T LEAVE ME..

I LIKE SOUSEI!
DON'T GO ANY-WHERE...!!
NO...
DON'T PLAY WITH ME! I'M BEING SERIOUS.!!
Kiss
ME, TOO!
!!

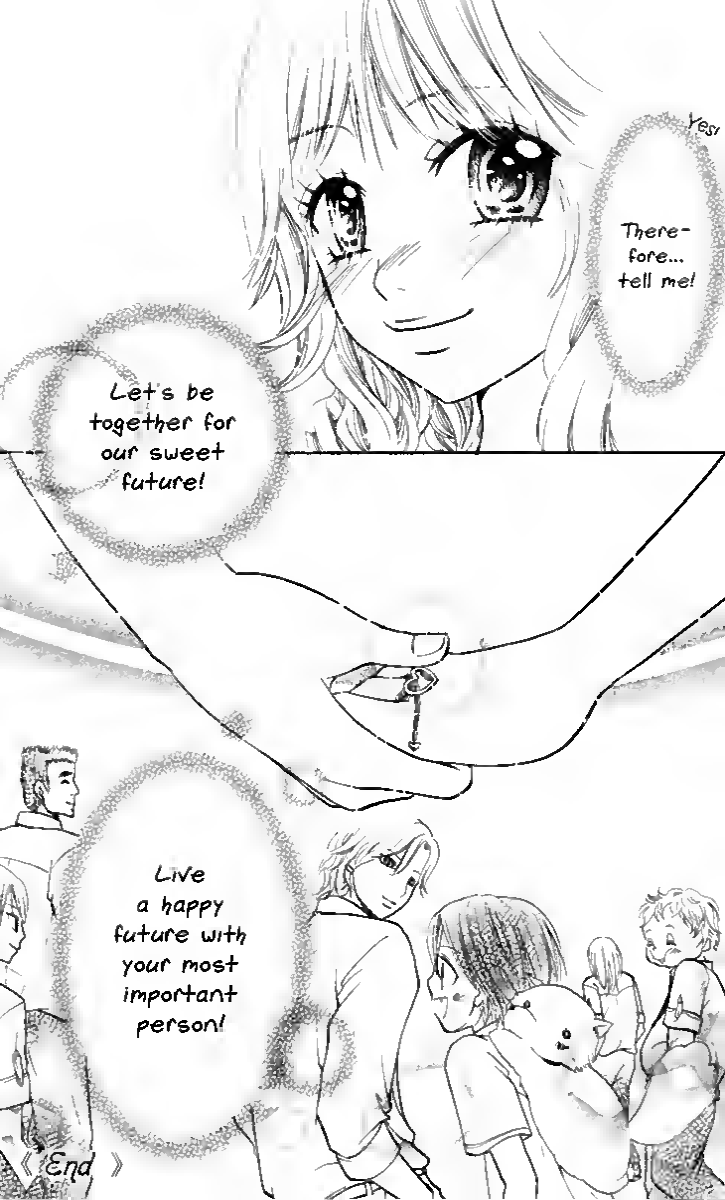
I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
I'VE NEVER PLAYED WITH YOU, NOT EVEN ONCE!
PUT
THERE-FORE,
YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME, EITHER!
You need me the same way I need you...
YES...!
...

The only person in the world...
I hope you also see me as important!

.....
?!
Push away
WHAT...
WAIT, WAIT A MINUTE...
I'M GETTING A FEELING...
EH? WASN'T THAT A DREAM...?!
WHY DO YOU THINK IT'S A DREAM?!
EH, EH...?!
Hey! Tell me...
...lots and lots of stuff about you that I don't know!

WHO SAID IT?! DID I EVER SAY THAT I WOULDN'T COME BACK?
I WAS WAITING FOR MY FATHER'S TEMPER TO SUBSIDE...
Eh... From the beginning, you'd already planned to come back to ICA?
Really, thanks every one. There shouldn't be anyone crying, right?
Because it's more fun this way!
What are you saying?! You were clearly the one who riled us
Bulls eye!
A bunch of idiots!
You meanie!
Looks like I'm the dumbest one here
REALLY! EVERYONE WENT OVER-BOARD!
yeah. Too much bloated
Using lies to cover up the truth...
hiding the key that locked your heart so that no one can find it!
"I LOOK LIKE I HAVE EVERY-THING...
IT'S BE-CAUSE I FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME!"

AKIRA!
YOUR MOTHER CALLED YESTERDAY..
SHOULDN'T YOU KNOW CLEARLY BY NOW?
WHERE YOU'D WANT TO BE
But...
SHE DEFINITELY WANTED THAT!
GO HOME EARLY!
YOU'RE WELCOME ANYTIME!
YES...
DAD...
As long as I'm with you, we can definitely face each other honestly!
It doesn't matter what kind of front you put up...


Yes!
There-
fore...
tell me!
Let's be
together for
our sweet
future!
Live
a happy
future with
your most
important
person!
End

S+ Short Side Stories

Snow White Prince
Akihei ver.
AYE! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
WHAT HAPPENED?
PLEASE HELP ME, SEVEN DWARFS!! SOMEONE'S CHASING AFTER ME!!
EVERY DAY, I'VE BEEN CHASED BY THEM FROM HERE TO THERE! IT IS REALLY TROUBLESOME!
Stop
Kyaa
Everyone look! They have almost caught up!
I DON'T REALLY KNOW MYSELF EITHER. EVERY DAY, THERE ARE A BUNCH OF GIRLS WAITING AT THE DOOR STUFFING THE MAILBOX WITH MAIL, SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME ON THE PHONE. ALSO THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO STUFF ME WITH ENDLESS SWEETS
You guys aren't going to help me?!!
Please don't push!
Please take a number
Touching the Prince once is 1000 yen!
One picture is 3000 yen!
Tighte ens!
Eh eh eh! Wait...

Story 2 The youngster that sells matches
Akira ver.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S FOR SALE, IT WOULD STILL BE GOOD TO LIGHT IT TO KEEP WARM!
Ignite
Poof
WAHH?!
Shiver
IT'S SO COLD...
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO IS UNFORTUNATE...?
Sizzle
That's right no wonder he did such an extreme deed!
Sizzle
I SHOULD SAY THAT IT'S BECAUSE OF HELPING US TO BE TOGETHER THAT HE WAS INTRODUCED AS A CHARACTER!
It doesn't matter whichever angle you look at it.
It's all thanks to Akira that we can be this happy!
Sizzle
Sizzle
Poof
If it's like that, Akira is somewhat pathetic... a youngster who fell into his own delusions...
Could you please become this tragic character in the future...?
Eh... what is that? Tell me! What kind of spray is that?
When I was drawing your thoughtful face, I was really happy...!
Hey! Hello! I'm the author! Akira, you've worked hard!
Sizzle

Story3. Little Red Riding Hood and The Big Wolf
Souseiver.
I'VE COME HERE TO LOOK FOR AKI-NII...
IS HE FEELING BETTER FROM HIS ILLNESS...?
OH! YOU ARE A REALLY GOOD GIRL!
AT A GLANCE, I CAN TELL YOU ARE NOT THE SAME AS A REGULAR PERSON!!! ALSO, WHAT IS THE DEAL WITH THOSE EARS?! ARE YOU TRYING TO TRICK ME?!
THIS PAIR OF BIG EARS IS TO HEAR YOUR VOICE CLEARLY...
THEN WHAT ABOUT THOSE PAIR OF SHARP EYES?! AKI-NII'S EYES ARE WARMER AND GENTLER!!
THIS PAIR OF EYES TURNED SHARP TO BETTER SCARE YOU WITH!
WHAT ABOUT THAT BLACK HAIR THE PLAYBOY ATTITUDE? ALSO, ALSO
Gets up
YOU ARE SO NAGGY! SO NOISY! I'M GOING TO EAT YOU UP!
EH?
Hey Wait It can't happen in this chapter
Kyaa
I'm sorry! Rolling it over...

Thanks
• About this work •
Does everyone think the content is interesting?
P.S+
About Akira I didn't plan for his character at the beginning. I was planning for Akane's good friend Miki to have more appearances! If I did that the pages would not meet the publishing requirement. Therefore Akira was introduced. From the beginning draft (the two pages before chapter 1) everything was laid out (At least that is what I thought) Therefore, I'm pleased with the ending! ☆
P.S+ Short Side Stories
I planned on drawing more seriously but personally I like (laugh) think kind of childish prank story best! Furry ears are not that easy to draw...
• Akihei
I feel that he is rather a sad character. When I mentioned to the editor that I wanted to draw a side story for him she said "There's no need" a very straightforward rejection! Really? Is there really no need? I see!
• Souseí
If there is no mischievous Souseí, then "S" wouldn't be "S" (laugh) In the last chapter he was the one showing off the most! He ended up without much dialog. I have felt embarrassed because of him! How are you going to compensate me! (Eh?) During chapter 1 I hadn't made up a name for him. During the meetings, every one called him "idiot"! (LOL)
• Akane
I really love optimistic and open girls that let you feel happy. But Aka-chan really likes to preach a lot! Obviously she is one of the characters with the least amount of experience (laugh) She had the gall to open her big mouth about it. When I was drawing Akane, I was very focused on the "cute girl's feel". Her hairstyle is difficult to draw but when I drew her I was pretty happy!
• Akira
I planned him to be a unlikable character. I couldn't believe that everyone has accepted him. I enjoyed drawing his dangerous glare. But I, like Akane, feel unfortunate, too. In fact, it's a very lonely feeling!

Special

Last page!!

PS+α

Let's just say, it came from my own spite in order to finish. Therefore, it is difficult to wrap up with a good ending. How troublesome! But on the other hand, I've also received many rewards; it is one of my most important works!

Throughout the project I deeply felt all of the help that I've received from everyone. That's how I could finish this work!

I'm really, really very grateful to everyone!!!

I'll continue to work hard, please keep on supporting everyone!

~Haruki

Megumi Hazaki 05.3.

• ICA •

Now that I think back, why didn't I set up a youth military group? (laugh) When drawing, that would be troublesome! Everyone is doing their own thing, but they are a bunch of happy people!

If you want to mail me, please don't be shy! Hurry!!

(Criticism, corrections, opinions, suggestions, they are welcome!!)

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